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## I. INTRODUCTION

The growth of ocean acoustics as a theoretical and experimental science can be traced to a fundamental change in the conduct of warfare. During World War II, the belligerents employed scientific technology for the conduct of war to a degree theretofore unknown. In the United States scientific research was mobilized on a scale comparable to the mobilization of manpower and industry. Whole fields of scientific research were expanded to produce a technology for the conduct of the war. A portion of this research, the study of propagation of sound in the sea, was a response to a particularly effective (and technical) enemy weapon - the U-boat.

The first wartime studies of underwater sound propagation hinted at sound transmission over long ranges within a natural oceanic waveguide known as the SOFAR channel. A series of experiments was conducted in which explosive signals were propagated in the SOFAR channel over distances of up to 900 nautical miles (nm) [1]. In subsequent experiments explosive signals were propagated over paths of up to 2,300 nm [2]. Since World War II several uses for SOFAR propagation have been devised, including the location of missile impacts within wide oceanic areas and the study of the low-frequency ambient noise field.

To predict and aid in understanding SOFAR propagation, a number of theoretical models for the transmission of sound in the ocean have been developed. The theoretical treatments have fallen generally into two broad categories: ray-tracing and normal mode techniques. Ray-tracing techniques are based on the Eikonal equation,



$$\nabla A \cdot \nabla A = N^2 = [c_0/c(z)]^2, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $A$  is the ray function,  $N$  an index of refraction,  $c_0$  is a reference sound speed, and  $c(z)$  sound speed as a function of depth. The Eikonal equation is restricted to high frequencies in which the sound speed fluctuation is small over one wavelength. Normal mode techniques, more suited to low frequency sound, are based upon the depth-dependent Helmholtz equation,

$$[\nabla^2 + \omega^2/c(z)^2] \psi = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\psi$  is the acoustic velocity potential and  $\omega$  is the angular frequency of the acoustic disturbance.

## A. DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORMAL MODE TECHNIQUE

Since the work to be presented is based upon the normal mode technique, a brief overview of the development of underwater sound transmission models based upon normal mode theory is in order.

### 1. Early Theory

During World War II Pekeris developed two mathematical approaches which became the foundation for much of the later work. In 1946 Pekeris published a treatment of sound propagation in a layer characterized by a variety of sound speed gradients [3]. Although he was primarily concerned with sound penetration into the shadow zone caused by a negative sound speed gradient, he developed asymptotic solutions to the wave equation for a number of sound speed gradients. For the case of a linear sound speed gradient,

$$c = c_0 (1 + az), \quad (1.3)$$



he derived a solution which reduced to a Fourier-Bessel Series, which converged rapidly in the shadow zone and slowly in the insonified zone. In addition, he investigated a number of variable sound velocity profiles which included,

$$c^2 = c_0^2 (1 - az)^{-1}, \quad (1.4)$$

for which the solution is a combination of Hankel functions of order one-third.

In 1948 Pekeris published a method of determining the normal modes and resultant sound field in both two-and-three-layer isovelocity media [4]. To evaluate the sound field he applied a Hankel transform in the complex horizontal wave number plane to a vertical wave function  $U$ , which resulted in an expression for the acoustic velocity potential

$$\psi = \int_0^\infty U J_0 k \frac{dk}{r}. \quad (1.5)$$

The wave function displayed a number of singularities and a branch cut. The solution consisted of a summation of normal modes, represented by a series of simple poles, and a ground wave in the lowest layer, represented by a branch cut (see Fig 1). The branch cut extended from the branch point corresponding to  $c_b$ , the sound speed in the bottom, to  $i$ .

This particular cut necessitated the evaluation of additional complex-valued poles between the branch cut and the positive imaginary axis (the so called "leaky modes"). The "leaky" modes were seen to be important only at short ranges. Pekeris evaluated the integral by the calculus of residues for the poles and the evaluation of a branch cut associated with the sound speed in the lowest layer.

There were two significant modifications to the Pekeris technique which soon followed. Tolstoy reformulated the characteristic equation for the modal eigenvalues



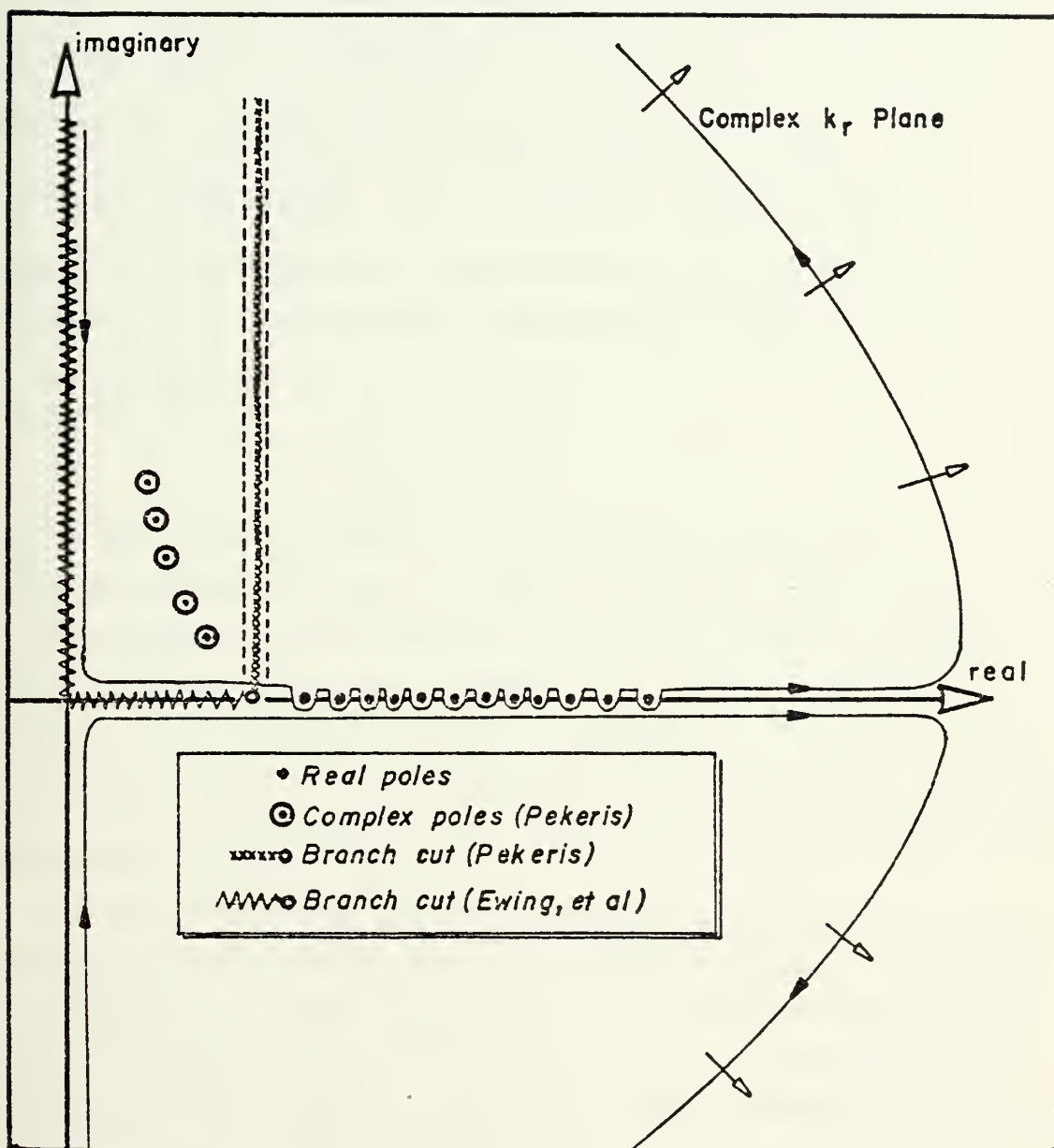


FIGURE 1 - Path of Bessel Integrals in Complex Plane





(location of the poles in the complex wave number plane) in terms of reflection coefficients for both upgoing and downgoing waves [5]. Tolstoy considered the effects of horizontally stratified layers above and below a depth of interest,  $z_0$ . A wave travelling up past  $z_0$  will be reflected with a reflection coefficient  $R\uparrow$ . Similarly a plane wave travelling downward past  $z_0$  will have a reflection coefficient  $R\downarrow$ . Tolstoy showed that for an undamped mode representing the propagation of energy in the waveguide, the reflection coefficient above and below  $z_0$  must be related by

$$R\uparrow R\downarrow = 1. \quad (1.6)$$

$R\uparrow$  and  $R\downarrow$  are functions of the sound speed profile and a horizontal parameter (such as the horizontal wave number or the horizontal phase speed). Since Eq. (1.6) is satisfied only for certain discrete values of this parameter, it represents a characteristic equation for the modal eigenvalues. This general characteristic equation enabled normal mode analysis to be applied to a wide variety of environmental conditions.

The similarity between the normal mode problem in acoustics and the Schrödinger equation in quantum mechanics was recognized and provided a tool for further development. Bremmer published an analysis of the Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin (WKB) method of quantum mechanics as an approximation to wave propagation in an inhomogeneous medium, opening the way for the use of the WKB solutions and characteristic equations as solutions to the vertical wave equations [6].

The second change to the Pekeris technique came when Ewing, Jardetzky and Press [7] suggested an alternate path for the branch cut (Fig 1). The Ewing, Jardetzky and Press



branch cut extended from the same branch point, to the origin, and then along the imaginary axis. This eliminated the need for evaluation of the complex-valued poles, as they were shown to be displaced to an adjacent Riemann sheet.

The Pekeris model and its descendants were used in many theoretical applications, including shallow water propagation over fluid and elastic bottoms [8 - 15]; and was also used to study the effects of attenuating [16], sloping [17], and rough bottoms [18] on mode propagation.

Up to this point a major limitation for normal mode and many ray-tracing techniques was the required assumption that sound speed be a function only of depth (to separate the range and depth-dependent equations). In the ocean the sound speed profile varies gradually (and at times abruptly) with range. The applicability of the normal mode technique and, to a lesser extent, the ray-tracing technique over a horizontally varying medium was broadened by Weston in 1958 with the development of mode and ray invariants [19]. Weston observed that a mode may be assumed to keep its identity for slow horizontal changes in the sound speed profile. This is known as the adiabatic assumption (after its analogue in time-dependent perturbation theory of quantum mechanics), implying that the energy propagated by a particular mode remains associated with that mode. A more recent paper by Milder expands upon the concepts of mode and ray invariants and derives a test for the applicability of the adiabatic assumption [20]. The adiabatic assumption allows local horizontal stratification in an environment which changes slowly in the horizontal. Thus the normal mode method now became applicable to a wider variety of situations provided the horizontal oceanic variation was gradual over the long ranges. In addition, although not strictly required, the assumption of local horizontal stratification has been found useful in some ray-tracing work [21].



## 2. Numerical Methods

In the late 1950's and early 1960's there began to appear a number of numerical normal mode programs which took advantage of the digital computer. Many of the models were based at least in part on known solutions for certain classes of sound speed profiles.

In 1959 Tolstoy and May developed a normal mode computer model based upon a series of horizontal layers in which the inverse of the square of the sound speed varied linearly with depth

$$c^2 = c_0^2 (1 - az)^{-1}. \quad (1.7)$$

In such layers Tolstoy and May approximated the mode solutions (Bessel functions of order one-third) with twelfth-order polynomials [22]. For a given horizontal wave number they started with both a surface and bottom boundary condition, then iterated from the boundaries to some interior depth. The Bessel functions were matched between layers by invoking continuity of acoustic pressure and vertical particle velocity. At the interior depth the slopes of the solutions iterated from the surface and from the bottom were compared. Only certain values of the horizontal wave number, which defined the eigenvalues, gave first order continuity across the interior depth. The solutions thus formed defined the normal modes.

Peter Hirsch studied axial sound focusing in the SOFAR channel using an analytic representation for the sound speed profile [23]. He assumed a sound speed profile parabolic in  $c^{-2}$  and symmetric about the channel axis,

$$c^2 = c_0^2 (1 - a z^2)^{-1}. \quad (1.8)$$

For a pulse source this representation of the SOFAR channel gave successive focusing at about 6 nm intervals. Williams





and Horne did another study of SOFAR channel axial focusing using a polynomial representation for the sound speed profile [24],

$$c^2 = c_o^2 (1 - az - bz^2 - cz^3 - dz^4)^{-1}. \quad (1.9)$$

This polynomial representation of the sound speed profile gave a better fit to the actual SOFAR channel, allowing representation of its asymmetrical character. Solving for the eigenvalues and normal modes, they described the sound field for a continuous wave (CW) source. Williams and Horne found a much smaller degree of axial focusing than Hirsch; they also determined that focusing effects were sensitive to the detailed structure of the sound speed profile. Deavenport studied axial focusing using an Epstein profile,

$$c^{-2} = A \operatorname{sech}^2(z/h) + B \tanh(z/h) + D, \quad (1.10)$$

with solutions which are hypergeometric functions [25]. He found a greater degree of focusing than Williams and Horne, but less than from Hirsch's symmetric profile.

Bucker and Morris studied sound transmission in the surface duct, also using an Epstein profile for the sound speed [26]. The results compared favorably with transmission characteristics derived from experiment and ray-tracing models.

In 1970 Williams published an outline of a normal mode finite difference technique [27] which started from either one or both boundaries. Using a finite difference equation based upon the vertical Helmholtz equation, the method iterated across the water column to either the other boundary or an internal depth. An iterative approach was used to find the mode eigenvalues by satisfying either the opposite boundary condition, or continuity of acoustic pressure and vertical velocity at the internal depth. A number of other models used this technique, - notably the





model of Newman and Ingenito [28], and the model by Kanabis [29]. The Newman and Ingenito model started with a fluid boundary condition at the bottom and used a finite difference technique to compute the eigenfunction across the water column to the surface. The eigenvalues were searched by finding those values of the horizontal wave number which most nearly produced an eigenfunction of zero at the surface. The Kanabis model was similar except that it used a higher order finite difference equation and employed the adiabatic assumption for horizontal variation.

### 3. Current Models

In May 1973 the Acoustic Environmental Support Detachment (AESD) of the Office of Naval Research held a workshop on non-ray-tracing acoustic propagation techniques [30]. The results from seventeen acoustic models were compared for calculations using a variety of sound speed profiles. A synopsis of the models and their results is given by Ref. [30]. A distinction was made between purely normal mode (in the sense of a complete set of orthonormal functions) and residue series models (where the modes are derived from the poles of the wave function). At the AESD workshop a new model which represents a distinct departure from previous methods was introduced. The parabolic equation method, outlined by Fock for electro-magnetic propagation in the atmosphere [31], assumes the wave function to be a space dependent function,  $V$ , multiplied by a Hankel function. The assumed solution is applied to the Helmholtz equation, and terms in the second derivative of  $V$  with respect to range ( $r$ ) are dropped (this assumes that the waves are predominantly radial - that is the corresponding rays are at relatively shallow angles). The following parabolic differential equation results:

$$\frac{dV}{dr} + \frac{1}{2k} \frac{d^2V}{dz^2} + \frac{k}{2} [N^2(r,z) - 1] V = 0, \quad (1.11)$$



where  $k$  is an average wave number and  $N$  is an index of refraction. Since this is a parabolic differential equation, with a given starting solution, and surface and bottom boundary conditions, the solution can be solved in successive range steps. The method allows full range dependence for the sound speed profile.

## B. OPERATIONAL MODELS

The U. S. Navy has a need to calculate low-frequency propagation loss over long ranges (in excess of 1000 km). The Navy currently has variations of four standard operational transmission loss models and a number of experimental models. The operational models include the following:

- FACT - The Fast Asymptotic Coherent Transmission Model uses modified ray theory and is primarily for passive sensor applications at low to intermediate frequencies (50 to 2000 Hz). The FACT model computes propagation loss out to ranges representing several convergence zones [32]. FACT has been extended in an experimental version with multiple profiles and a bathymetry composed of linear segments along the line of bearing. The ray invariants of D. M. Milder [20] are used to connect rays between profiles.

- NISSIM - The Navy Interim Standard Surface Ship Model is a ray theory model which is used primarily for short ranges and active sensors [33,34]. It has had some limited application to lower frequency passive sensors.

- RP-70 - This model is a multiple profile ray-tracing model which uses linear sound speed gradients in both the vertical and horizontal directions. It is used for passive sensors and great ranges.

- APE - The Acoustic Parabolic Equation model, based



on the parabolic equation method (Eq. (1.10)), has recently become an operational model. It is primarily used for very low frequencies and highly range dependent environments.

## C. SCOPE OF THIS WORK

### 1. Objectives

The objective of this work is the creation of a computer model to estimate the transmission loss of low frequency CW sound over long ranges and through varying sound speed profiles. The model is intended to be relatively fast, sacrificing exactness (in the mathematical sense) for computational speed. The underlying theory is based heavily upon the WKB (Wentzel-Kramer-Brillioun) approximation with the eigenvalues, eigenfunctions, and normalization all based upon the WKB formulae. The model is intended for the following tasks:

- Calculation of the detailed (fully coherent) transmission loss for ranges up to a few hundred nautical miles. In this case any sound speed variation with range must be slow enough to permit use of the adiabatic assumption.

- Calculation of the incoherent or averaged transmission loss for long ranges (thousands of nautical miles).

### 2. Departure from Previous Works

The following are a number of the major differences between this work and previous normal mode models:

- The sound speed profile is assumed to consist of layers (up to 50) in which the sound speed varies linearly





in  $c^2$  (Eq. (1.6)). Previous models have used the analytic solution for such layers to form the eigenfunctions (modes) and find the eigenvalues (Tolstoy and May [22], Gordon and Petersen [30], and Barthberger and Ackler [35]).

In this model the  $c^2$  linear profile is primarily used for the ease with which the vertical wave number may be integrated - an operation required for many of the WKB calculations. The analytic solution (the Airy functions) is used as a mode solution only where the WKB approximation breaks down.

- The sound speed profile is divided into separate ducts corresponding to different families of modes. The calculation of eigenvalues and modes is carried out family by family.

- Within each family the behavior of the eigenvalue as a function of mode number is approximated by a fifth-order polynomial. This polynomial provides the first estimate of the eigenvalues for each mode. For calculation of the averaged or incoherent transmission loss at great range, this estimate is sufficiently accurate for computation of the eigenfunctions. For detailed transmission loss at closer range, the eigenvalue is refined by a maximum of five iterations.

- The WKB approximation has been extended to incorporate the effects of a barrier between multiple sound channels, and the effects of the surface and bottom boundaries. The eigenfunction is found by a combination of WKB, Airy and extrapolated functions.

- A range dependent environment has been included by the use of the adiabatic assumption. A previous difficulty with the adiabatic assumption for normal mode use has been the ambiguities for modes in different sound channels of multiple channel profiles. This difficulty has been overcome with the use of a formalism which





matches modes within equivalent channels and approximates the transition of modes between channels.

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## II. THEORY: HOMOGENEOUS WAVE EQUATION

In what follows it is assumed that the ocean is a horizontally stratified medium of constant density, with a perfectly flat and pressure release surface, and a flat bottom. The input data for most ocean acoustic models represent a linearly-segmented sound speed profile. The linear segments do not represent the detailed structure of the ocean sound speed profile; they are a convenience for interpolating between the data. In ray trace models this linear gradient takes on added significance because of the simplified ray path thus formed. Because of the analytic solutions available, when using normal mode techniques it is convenient to approximate the sound speed structure between data points as linear in  $c^{-2}$ . The profile will be assumed to consist of layers within which the sound speed varies

$$c(z) = c_i [1 - a (z-z_i)]^{-1/2}, \quad z_i < z < z_{i+1}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $c_i$  and  $z_i$  are the sound speed and depth at the top of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  layer (Fig 2). If  $\omega$  is the angular frequency of the acoustic disturbance, then the sound speed profile can be represented in terms of the wave number,  $k$ . For the profile of Eq. (2.1)  $k^2$  varies linearly with depth, and the gradient of  $k^2$ ,  $\gamma$ , is defined by

$$k^2 = \omega^2 / c^2 = k_i^2 - \gamma (z-z_i), \quad z_i < z < z_{i+1}. \quad (2.2)$$





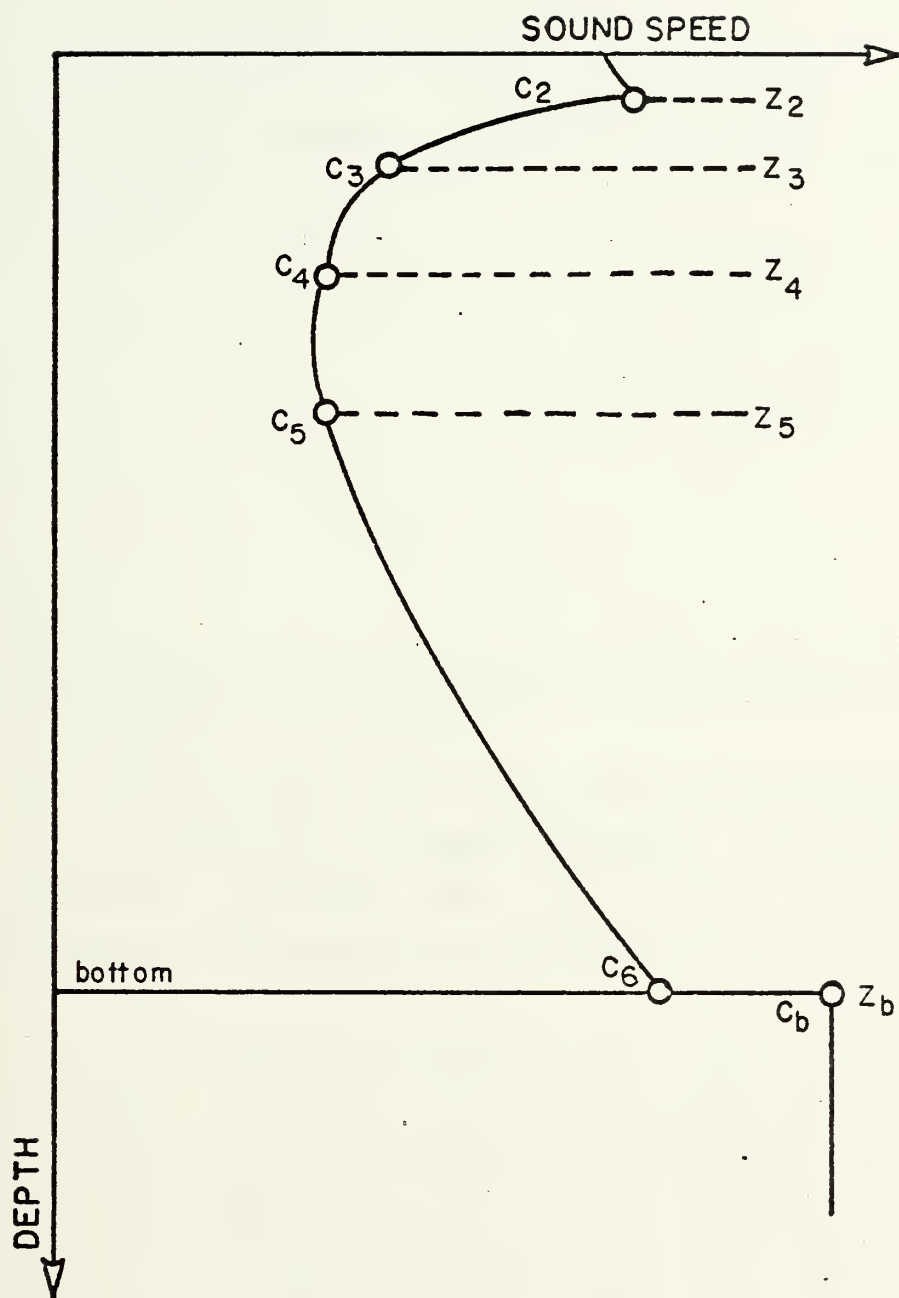


FIGURE 2 - Sound Speed Profile



The horizontal wave number  $k_r$  and the vertical wave number  $k_z$  are related by

$$k_z^2 = k^2 - k_r^2. \quad (2.3)$$

The vertical wave number is real for  $k > k_r$ , and is imaginary for  $k < k_r$ ;

$$k_z = -i\beta,$$

where

$$\beta^2 = k_r^2 - k^2 \quad (2.4)$$

for  $k < k_r$ .

The theoretical development which follows can be divided into five steps outlined below:

- The homogeneous wave equation is established, and from it is separated a depth-dependent equation. The depth-dependent equation must be solved in terms of eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions (the normal modes).

- Two approximate solutions to the homogeneous depth-dependent equation, the WKB solutions, are derived. One oscillatory solution corresponds to the trapped field in the waveguide, the other, exponentially decaying, represents the diffraction of sound at the edge of the waveguide. The WKB solutions fail where they approach each other at the edge of the channel (turning points). From one of the WKB solutions a characteristic equation is developed, whose solutions are the modal eigenvalues.

- A third approximate solution to the homogeneous equation is derived. This solution is used to connect the



two WKB solutions. As a consequence, for each eigenvalue an unnormalized eigenfunction can be determined as a function of depth.

■ The treatment of the homogeneous wave equation is completed with consideration of the effects of the surface and bottom boundaries.

■ The final step is the introduction of an inhomogeneous term (representing a point source) into the wave equation. The inhomogeneous equation is then solved by the residue series of a Green's function which is formed from the previously developed homogeneous solutions. Solution of the inhomogeneous equation allows determination of the mode amplitude to match a point source.

#### A. HOMOGENEOUS WAVE EQUATION

The homogeneous lossless wave equation for velocity potential  $\Psi$  is

$$\nabla^2 \Psi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d^2 \Psi}{dt^2} = 0, \quad (2.5)$$

The acoustic pressure,  $P$ , is related to the velocity potential by

$$P = -\rho \frac{d\Psi}{dt}.$$

For a monofrequency acoustical disturbance with time dependence  $\exp(-i\omega t)$ ,

$$P = i\omega\rho\Psi.$$

The boundary condition at the surface requires that

$$\Psi(z=0) = 0, \quad (2.6)$$

where  $z$  is the depth below the surface. The boundary



condition at the bottom  $z_b$  can be written in the form

$$\frac{1}{\psi} \frac{d\psi}{dz} = \mu, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\mu$  will be determined by the particular bottom model used. In addition, certain restrictions must be placed on  $\psi$  :

1.  $\psi$  must represent an outgoing wave in the horizontal direction and an exponentially decaying wave at great depth, so that  $|\psi| \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  or  $z \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. There must be no discontinuity in pressure and particle velocity in the water column so that  $\rho\psi$  and the gradient of  $\psi$  must be continuous.

### 1. The Helmholtz Equation

If the time dependence of  $\psi$  is explicitly stated,

$$\psi = \phi \exp(-i\omega t), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\phi$  is a function only of space, then substitution of Eq. (2.8) into Eq. (2.5) yields

$$\nabla^2 \phi + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \phi = 0. \quad (2.9)$$

Expanded in cylindrical coordinates with the origin at the sea surface and  $z$  positive downward, Eq. (2.9) becomes

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) + \frac{d^2 \phi}{dz^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \phi = 0, \quad (2.10)$$

for cylindrically symmetric motion.

### 2. The Hankel Transform

One way to separate the depth dependent terms in Eq. (2.10) is to apply a Hankel transform. The Hankel transform variable,  $k_r$ , represents a horizontal wave number,





and transforms the solution from a depth and range space  $(z, r)$  to a solution in depth and horizontal wave number space  $(z, k_r)$ . The transform pair is defined

$$U(z, k_r) = \int_0^{\infty} \phi(z, r) J_0(k_r r) r dr, \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\phi(z, r) = \int_0^{\infty} U(z, k_r) J_0(k_r r) k_r dk_r. \quad (2.12)$$

Application of this transform to Eq. (2.10) yields

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dz^2} + \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - k_r^2 \right] U(z, k_r) = 0. \quad (2.13)$$

This is a homogeneous differential equation with the following conditions imposed as a consequence of the conditions on  $\psi$ :

- a)  $U(0, k_r) = 0$ , the free surface boundary condition. (2.14)
- b)  $\frac{1}{U} \frac{dU}{dz} = \mu$ , at the bottom, where  $z = z_b$ .
- c) As  $z \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $U$  must represent a decaying wave.
- d)  $\rho U$  is continuous.
- e)  $\frac{dU}{dz}$  is continuous.

### 3. Nature of the Solution

The function  $U(z, k_r)$  defines one normal mode, which represents the depth component of an acoustic wave propagating outward with cylindrical divergence. The horizontal wave number defines the phase speed,

$$c_p = \omega / k_r. \quad (2.15)$$

The phase speed represents the speed with which surfaces of constant phase are propagated in range.



Inspection of Eq. (2.13) reveals some qualitative properties of the solution. For  $k > k_r$  the vertical wave number,  $k_z$  is real and the solution is expected to be oscillatory in nature. For  $k < k_r$  the vertical wave number is imaginary, and the solution is expected to be exponential in nature. Regions for which  $k_z$  is real ( $c < c_p$ ) and which are bounded by depths with imaginary  $k_z$  ( $c > c_p$ ) form an acoustic channel or waveguide. Within such a channel the acoustic waves are refracted between depths at which  $k_z = 0$ , or reflected from boundaries.

The ocean normally forms an acoustic waveguide for phase speeds less than the speed of sound in the bottom,  $c_b$ . At these phase speeds the modes correspond to waves which are either completely refracted or strike the bottom at a grazing angle less than the critical angle. For the corresponding values of  $k_r$  ( $k_r > \omega/c_b = k_b$ ), Eq. (2.13) with the conditions of (2.14) forms a Sturm-Liouville boundary value problem over the interval  $z = 0$  to  $z = z_b$ . As a consequence there is a finite number of eigenvalues  $k_{r,n}$  for the parameter  $k_r$  and corresponding eigenfunctions,  $U_n$ , which solve the Sturm-Liouville problem [1]. Thus the range of  $k_r > k_b$  is termed the discrete spectrum.

At phase speeds greater than the sound speed in the bottom, the differential equation and boundary conditions are met for all phase speeds or  $k_r$ . For these high phase speeds there is a continuous and infinite set of solutions



for all  $k_r < k_b$ .

The reader familiar with the Schrödinger equation of quantum mechanics will recognize that the sound velocity profile is an analogue to a potential well. The sound speed profile itself corresponds to the potential function, the phase speeds correspond to the energy levels, the surface boundary to an infinitely high "wall", and the bottom boundary to a "wall" with height that corresponds to the sound speed in the bottom [2] [3].

## B. THE WKB METHOD

In this section the WKB method, an approximate solution originally developed in quantum mechanics, is applied to solution of the wave equation for normal modes in the ocean.

### 1. The WKB Solution

To derive the WKB formulae a method used by Schiff is adapted to oceanic parameters [4]. By defining a scale parameter,

$$h = 1/\omega,$$

and an index of refraction,

$$N^2 = [1/c^2 - 1/c_p^2],$$

the vertical wave number can be re-written,

$$k_z^2 = N^2 / h^2. \quad (2.16)$$

Assume that the depth function has the form

$$U = A \exp\left[\frac{iS(z)}{h}\right], \quad (2.17)$$



where  $S$  is some (unknown) function of depth. Substitution of Eqs. (2.16) and (2.17) into Eq. (2.13), gives

$$ihS'' - S'^2 + N^2 = 0. \quad (2.18)$$

Expand  $S$  in powers of  $h$ ,

$$S = S_0 + hS_1 + \dots; \quad (2.19)$$

and equate terms in the first two powers of  $h$ , resulting in two equations

$$-S_0'^2 + N^2 = 0, \quad (2.20)$$

and

$$iS_0'' - 2S_0'S_1' = 0.$$

Integration of the first equation yields

$$S_0(z) = \pm \int_{z_0}^z N dz', \quad (2.21)$$

and substitution into the second gives

$$S_1(z) = \frac{i}{2} \log_e N. \quad (2.22)$$

Substitution into Eq. (2.17) gives the two WKB solutions. For  $k > k_r$ ,

$$U(z) = k_z^{-1/2} \{a_0 \cos(\int_{z_0}^z k_z dz) + b_0 \sin(\int_{z_0}^z k_z dz)\}. \quad (2.23)$$

This solution will be referred to as the WKB oscillatory solution and can also be written

$$U_I(z) = k_z^{-1/2} \cos(\int_{z_0}^z k_z dz - \theta_0), \quad (2.24)$$

where





$$\theta_0 = \arctan (b_0/a_0). \quad (2.25)$$

For  $k < k_r$  the WKB exponential solution is obtained,

$$U_{II} = e^{-1/2} \{ c_0 \exp(\int_{z_0}^z \beta dz) + d_0 \exp(-\int_{z_0}^z \beta dz) \}. \quad (2.26)$$

## 2. WKB Validity Requirements

In order to expand  $S$  in powers of  $h$  (Eq. (2.19)) successfully and to separate the first two terms, the second term,  $hS_1$ , must be small in comparison to the first,  $S_0$ . This requirement is met if [5]

$$|hS_1'/S_0'| = |\frac{1}{2} k_z \frac{d}{dz} k_z| \ll 1. \quad (2.27)$$

A WKB validity factor,  $F_w$ , will be defined as equal to the two-thirds power of the expression in Eq. (2.27). (The two-thirds power is used to facilitate comparison with the Airy validity factor derived in a later section.) From Eq. (2.27) with the help of Eq. (2.2)

$$F_w = \frac{1}{4}^{2/3} |z - z_t|^{-1} \gamma^{-1/3} \ll 1, \quad (2.28)$$

where  $z_t$  is the turning point depth. Thus  $|F_w|$  must be much less than one for the WKB solution to be a good representation. In terms of the horizontal wave number the expression for  $F_w$  becomes,

$$F_w = \frac{1}{4}^{2/3} |k_r^2 - k^2|^{-1} \gamma^{2/3}. \quad (2.29)$$



### 3. Properties of the WKB Solutions

The solution to Eq. (2.13) is characterized by an oscillatory function (Eq. (2.24)) at those depths for which  $k_z$  is real. This function corresponds to the summation of an upgoing and a downgoing vertical wave. At those depths for which  $k_z$  is imaginary, the solution represents the lateral wave in a shadow zone. For the reference depth  $z_0$  in Eq. (2.24) and (2.26), the turning points or a reflective boundary will be used.

The  $\theta_0$  of Eq. (2.24) represents a phase change as the vertical wave is refracted at the turning point or reflected at a boundary. Considering the oscillatory solution as the combination of an upgoing and a downgoing wave,  $\theta_0$  represents the phase change for only one of the waves. Thus the total phase change experienced by a wave as it travels through a turning point or is reflected from a boundary is twice  $\theta_0$ .

At the turning point  $F_w$  becomes singular; thus there is some region bounding the turning points for which the WKB solutions are not valid.

### 4. WKB Characteristic Equation

The homogeneous differential equation (Eq. (2.13)) can be solved and both boundary conditions satisfied only for certain eigenvalues of  $k_r$ . After developing the WKB approximations, the next step is to use the WKB oscillatory solution to determine a characteristic equation for the mode eigenvalues,  $k_{r,n}$ .



Consider some arbitrary depth,  $z_1$ , between the two turning points for a specific  $k_{r,n}$  (Fig 3). Assume  $U(z, k_{r,n})$  is a solution to Eq. (2.13) which meets all the conditions of (2.14). From Eq. (2.24), at depths above  $z_1$  the solution must be

$$U_1(z_1^-) = k_z^{-1/2} \cos \left( \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_1} k_z dz - \theta_u \right),$$

where  $z_{tu}$  is the upper turning point depth and  $\theta_u$  is the WKB phase angle at the upper turning point. Conversely, if the lower turning point  $z_{tl}$  is used as the reference level, the solution below  $z_1$  must be

$$U_2(z_1^+) = k_z^{-1/2} \cos \left( \int_{z_1}^{z_{tl}} k_z dz - \theta_l \right).$$

For the two expressions to be equivalent, they must be continuous through the first derivative at  $z_1$ . This requirement is met only if

$$\int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{tl}} k_z dz - \theta_u - \theta_l = n\pi, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots \quad (2.30)$$

This is the characteristic equation for the WKB approximation. If  $\theta_u$  and  $\theta_l$  equal  $\pi/4$  this characteristic equation becomes the Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule for a potential well [6].

Consider a wave which propagates upward from  $z_1$  to the upper turning point  $z_{tu}$ , is refracted downward to  $z_{tl}$ , and then is refracted upward back to depth  $z_1$ . The



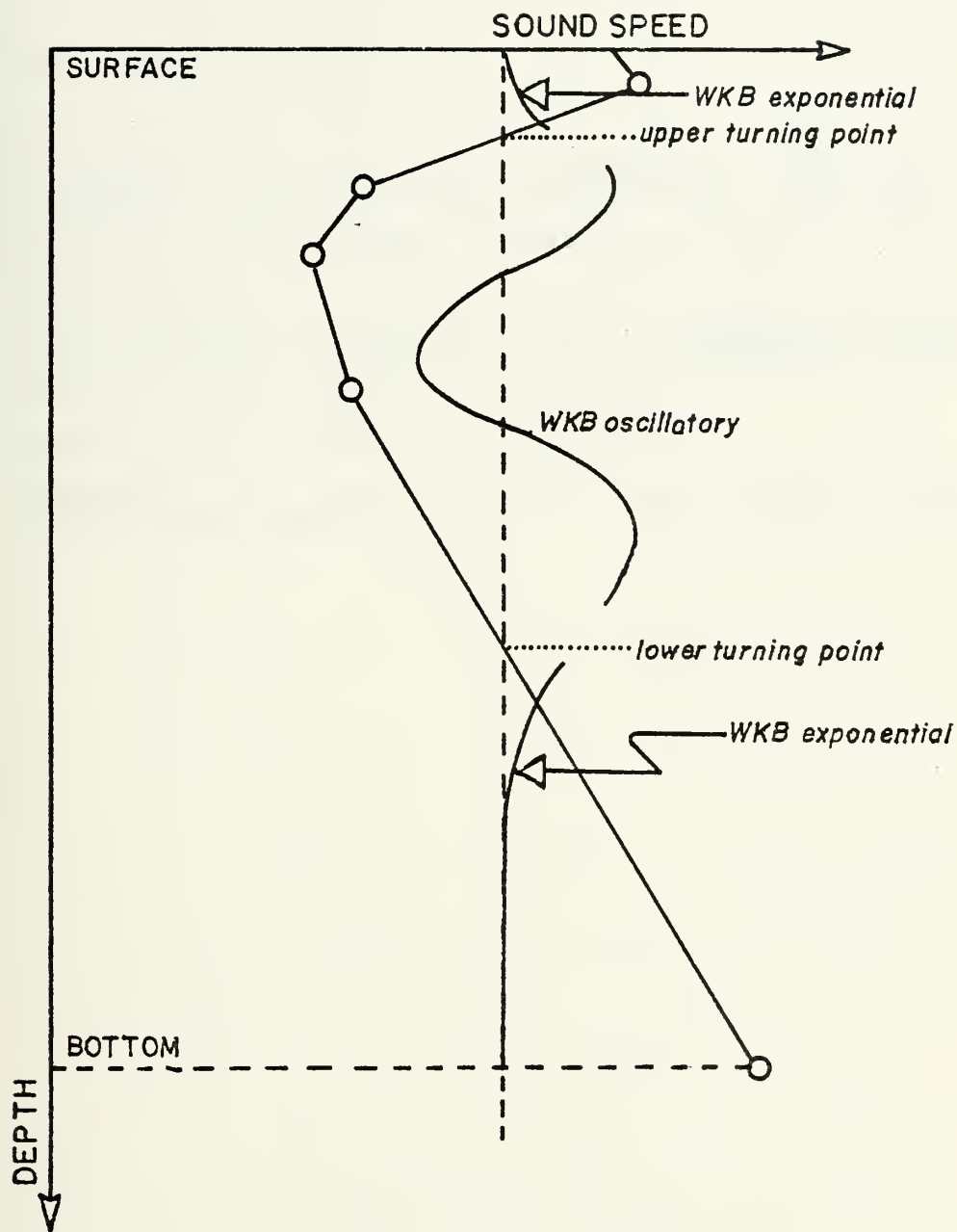


FIGURE 3 - The WKB Solutions





characteristic equation implies this wave has undergone a phase change which is an exact multiple of  $2\pi$ .

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### III. THEORY: AIRY SOLUTION AND CONNECTION FORMULAE

After deriving the WKB solutions, which are good approximations away from the turning points, the next step is to derive a solution valid at the turning points. This solution, called the Airy solution, will be used to match coefficients between the two sets of WKB eigenfunctions determined from Eq. (2.23) and (2.26). The derivation will follow the method used by Lauvstad [1].

#### A. THE AIRY SOLUTION

For some region about the turning point,  $k_r^2$  varies linearly with depth and Eq. (2.13) may be expressed

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dz^2} - \gamma (z - z_t) U = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\gamma$  is defined in Eq. (2.2) and  $z_t$  is the turning point. With the introduction of a new variable,

$$x = \gamma^{1/3} (z - z_t), \quad (3.2)$$

the second derivative with respect to depth becomes

$$\frac{d^2}{dz^2} = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \frac{dx}{dz} \right) = \gamma^{2/3} \frac{d^2}{dx^2},$$

resulting in the Airy equation,

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} - x U = 0. \quad (3.3)$$



Solutions to this differential equation are Bessel functions of order one-third. The solution to Eq. (3.3) may be expressed in terms of a particular combination of these Bessel functions, the Airy functions  $Ai$  and  $Bi$  [2]

$$U(x) = A_0 Ai(x) + B_0 Bi(x). \quad (3.4)$$

With approximate expressions for the Airy functions for large and small argument, the two WKB solutions may be matched to the Airy functions and, in the process, matched across the turning point.

### 1. Airy Solution for Small Argument

For small  $x$  the expressions for  $Ai$  and  $Bi$  can be represented as ascending series [3]. Taking the first two terms of those series, we have for  $|x| \ll 1$ ,

$$U_{III}(x) = C_1 (A_0 + \sqrt{3}B_0) + C_2 (\sqrt{3}B_0 - A_0) x, \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$c_1 = 0.35502805, \quad c_2 = 0.25881940.$$

This expression, the Airy solution, is a good approximation at the turning point, precisely where the WKB solutions break down.

### 2. Airy Validity Factor

The WKB solutions are good approximations at some depth beyond the turning points. In addition, there is some interval about the turning point  $z_t$  within which the Airy solution is a good approximation. The requirement that  $|x| \ll 1$  in Eq. (3.5) may be imposed through the use of an Airy validity factor,  $F_a$ :



$$F_a = |x| = |\gamma^{1/3} (z - z_t)| \ll 1, \quad (3.6)$$

or

$$F_a = |x| = \gamma^{-2/3} |k_r^2 - k^2|. \quad (3.7)$$

The validity factors  $F_a$  and  $F_w$  are plotted as functions of a scaled depth,  $\gamma^{1/3} (z - z_t)$  (Fig 4). If limits of 0.3 and 0.448 (0.3 to the two-thirds power) are used for  $F_a$  and  $F_w$  respectively, the Airy solution is a good approximation for  $x < 0.3$  and the WKB solution is a good approximation for  $|x| > 0.87$ . There is a "gap" for  $0.3 < |x| < 0.87$  within which neither the Airy nor WKB solutions is a good approximation.

### 3. Airy Solution for Large Argument

To determine the correspondence between the Airy solutions and a particular WKB solution, the coefficients of the Airy functions for large argument and the WKB solutions are matched. Introduce a variable (solely for notational convenience),

$$\zeta = \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2};$$

for  $|x| \gg 1$ , the Airy solutions may be written in terms of the asymptotic expansions for  $Ai(x)$  and  $Bi(x)$  [4]. For the shadow zone region ( $k > k_r$ ), the Airy solution, for asymptotically large argument, is

$$U(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{-1/4} \left[ \frac{1}{2} A_0 e^{-\zeta} + B_0 e^{\zeta} \right]. \quad (3.8)$$





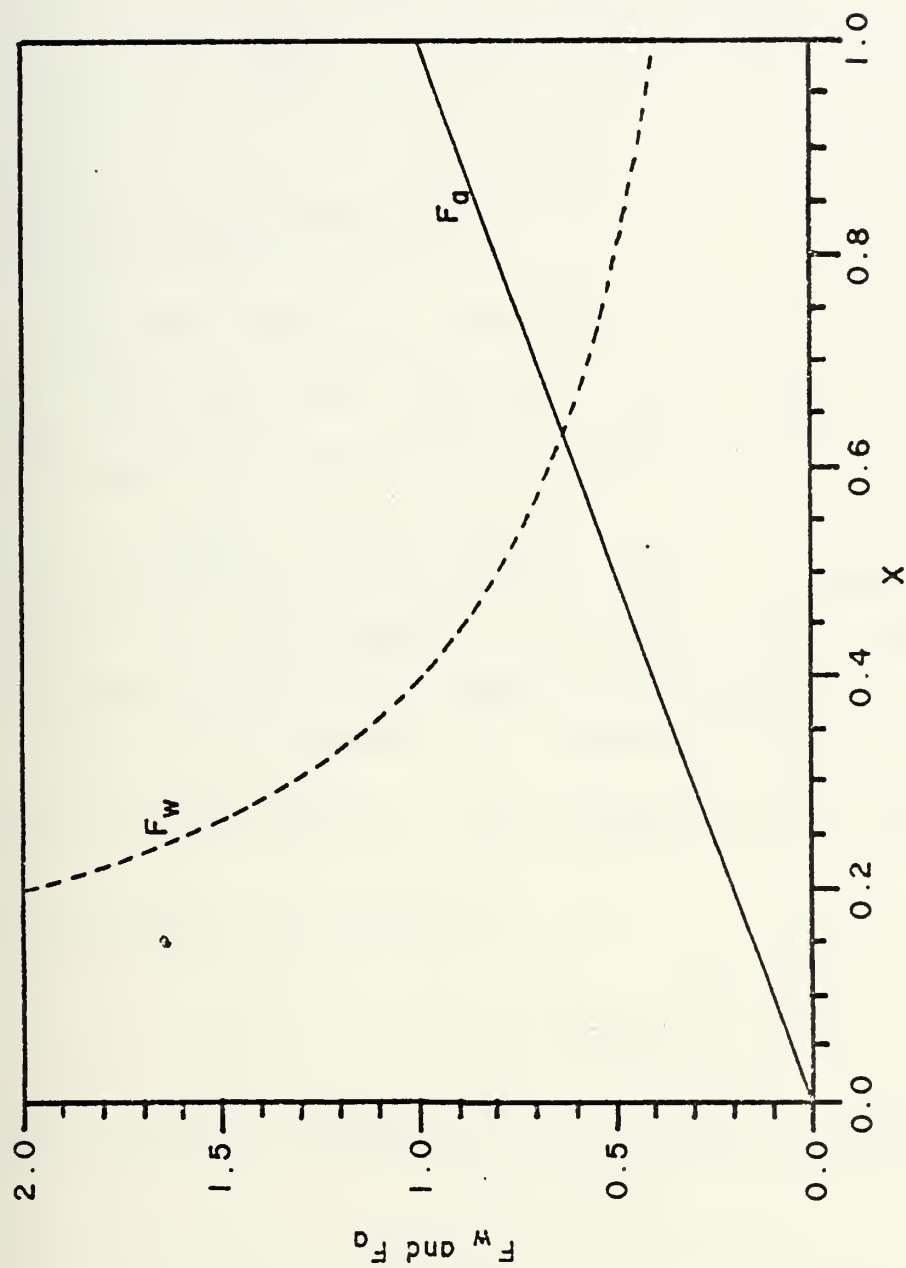


FIGURE 4 - Validity Criteria as a Function of Scaled Depth



For the oscillatory region ( $k < k_r$ ), the Airy solution for large argument is

$$U(-x) \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} x^{-1/4} [B_0 \cos(\zeta + \frac{\pi}{4}) + A_0 \sin(\zeta + \frac{\pi}{4})]. \quad (3.9)$$

## B. CONNECTION FORMULAE

The next step is to equate both WKB solutions,  $U_I$  and  $U_{II}$ , to the Airy solution,  $U_{III}$ , then match the WKB solutions across the turning point. In addition, the case of a barrier (sound speed relative maximum between two channels) is considered, and the WKB solutions for the channel on one side of the barrier are matched with the solutions on the other side of the barrier.

The WKB solutions are a function of the integral of the vertical wave number. For a single linear segment (in  $k^2$ )

this integral is expressed

$$\int_z^{z_0} |k_z| dz = \frac{2}{3} \gamma^{1/2} |z - z_0|^{3/2} = \zeta. \quad (3.10)$$

For notational convenience a constant,  $g$ , is defined by

$$g = \gamma^{1/6} \left( \frac{-1/2}{\pi} \right).$$

### 1. WKB Oscillatory and Airy Connection

By matching coefficients, the oscillatory WKB solution ( $U_I$ ) and the Airy solution ( $U_{III}$ ) are related by



$$a_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g (A_o + B_o), \quad b_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g (A_o - B_o), \quad (3.11)$$

$$A_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}g} (a_o + b_o), \quad B_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}g} (a_o - b_o).$$

## 2. WKB Exponential and Airy Connection

The exponential WKB solution ( $U_{II}$ ) and the Airy solution ( $U_{III}$ ) are related by

$$d_o = \frac{g}{2} A_o, \quad c_o = g B_o, \quad (3.12)$$

$$A_o = \frac{2}{g} d_o, \quad B_o = \frac{1}{g} c_o.$$

## 3. WKB Connection Formulae

Finally, by combining Eq. (3.11) and (3.12), the two WKB solutions are matched by

$$a_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2d_o + c_o), \quad b_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2d_o - c_o), \quad (3.13)$$

$$c_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_o - b_o), \quad d_o = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (a_o + b_o).$$

The  $\theta_o$  of Eq. (2.20) can now be re-defined as

$$\theta_o = \arctan (b_o / a_o) = \arctan [ (2d_o - c_o) / (2d_o + c_o) ]. \quad (3.14)$$

## C. BARRIER CONNECTION FORMULAE

When a sound speed profile has two relative minima (two channels), it is necessary to describe the lower turning point phase angle of the upper channel,  $\theta_1$ , in terms of the



upper turning point phase angle of the lower channel,  $\theta_2$ , and  $k_r$  (Fig 5). Consider a wave which approaches the lower turning point of the upper channel,  $z_1$ . The wave is refracted and vertexes in the vicinity of the turning point,  $z_1$ . Some of the wave energy "leaks" through the barrier and enters through the upper turning point,  $z_2$ , into the lower channel.

If the barrier is thick enough for the wave to be considered as progressing from an Airy representation to a WKB representation, and then back to an Airy representation, the connection formulae (Eq. (3.13)) may be invoked twice. Thus the WKB coefficients in the upper ensonified channel  $(a_o, b_o)$  in terms of the coefficients for the lower channel  $(a_2, b_2)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} a_o &= (a_2 - b_2) e^L + \frac{1}{4} (a_2 + b_2) e^{-L}, \\ b_o &= (a_2 - b_2) e^L - \frac{1}{4} (a_2 + b_2) e^{-L}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

where

$$L = \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \beta \, dz;$$

[  $\beta$  is the imaginary vertical wave number in the barrier, see Eq. (2.4) ]. The WKB phase angle at the lower turning point of the upper ensonified channel,  $\theta_1(z_1)$ , can be expressed in terms of the phase angle at the upper turning point in the lower channel,  $\theta_2(z_2)$ :





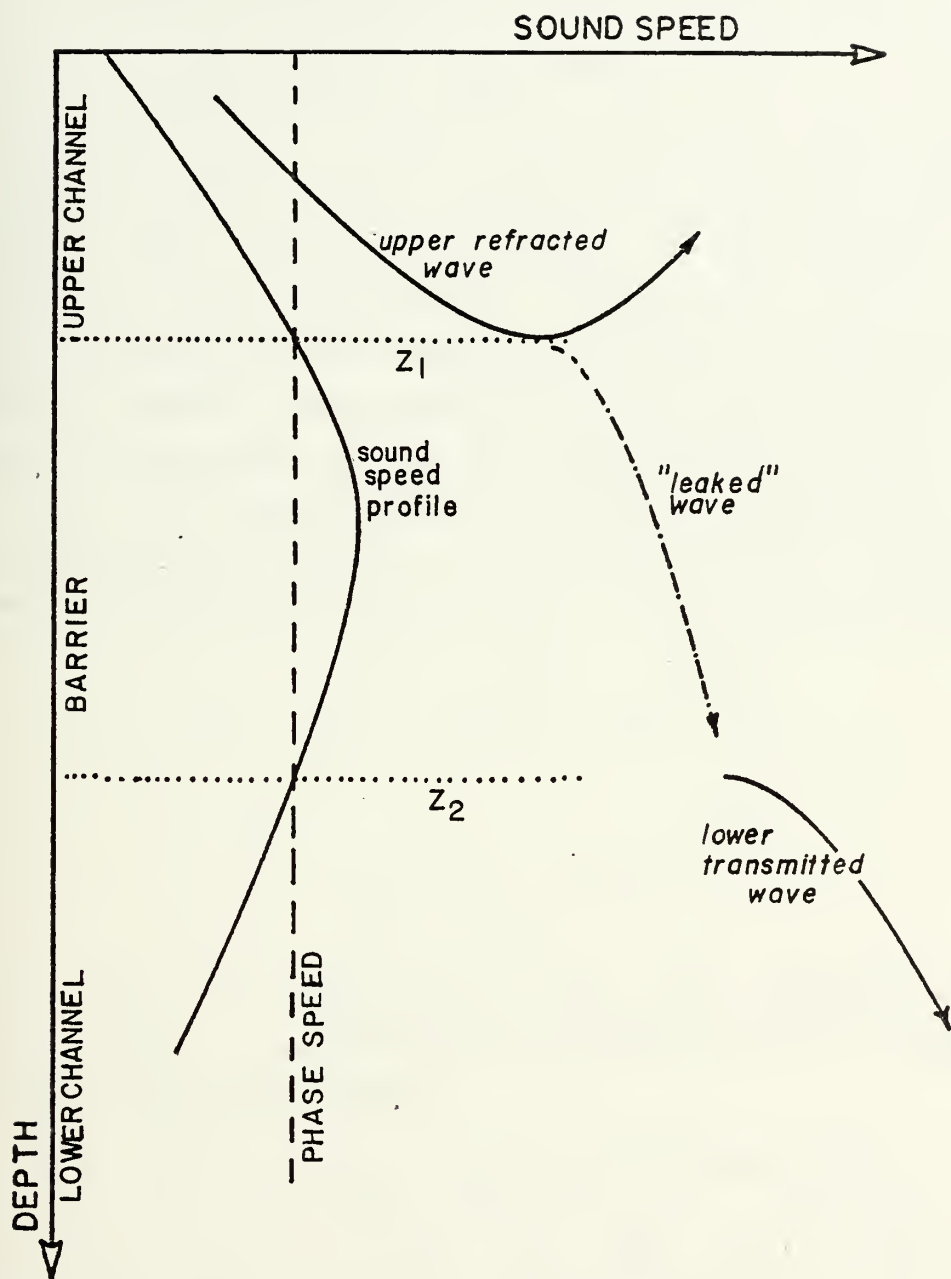


FIGURE 5 - Double Sound Channels and Barrier



$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_1 &= \arctan (b_o / a_o) \\
&= \arctan \{ [(1 - \tan \theta_2) e^L - \frac{1}{4} (1 + \tan \theta_2) e^{-L}] / \\
&\quad [(1 - \tan \theta_2) e^L + \frac{1}{4} (1 + \tan \theta_2) e^{-L}] \}. \quad (3.16)
\end{aligned}$$

If the upper channel is considered the ensonified channel and the lower channel that into which energy is "leaked", the relative amplitude of the lower solution represents the transmission coefficient for the barrier. This requires that the acoustic amplitude at the top of the barrier exceed the amplitude at the bottom of the barrier. Thus, the amplitude of the WKB exponential solution at the top of the barrier should be larger in magnitude than the WKB exponential solution at the bottom of the barrier. In terms of the coefficients of Eq. (2.26) this may be expressed

$$[c_o + d_o]^2 > [c_o e^L + d_o e^{-L}]^2,$$

or

$$|c_o| < |d_o| e^{-L}. \quad (3.17)$$

When this is substituted into the connection formulae (Eq. (3.13)), a restriction is placed on the lower phase angle of the upper channel

$$\frac{\pi}{4} - \arctan |c_o / 2d_o| < \theta_1 < \frac{\pi}{4} + \arctan |c_o / 2d_o|. \quad (3.18)$$

Thus for a wide barrier, the WKB phase angle on the ensonified side of the barrier approaches  $\pi/4$ . As the barrier narrows, the phase angle may be perturbed an increasing amount on either side of the  $\pi/4$  value. As the barrier vanishes,  $L$  in Eq. (3.17) approaches zero and the phase angle may vary from between  $18.66^\circ$  to  $71.34^\circ$ .



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#### IV. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

In this chapter expressions for the surface and bottom boundary conditions are developed in terms of the  $\theta_o$  of Eq. (2.24). Also, in order to evaluate the eigenfunction normalization factor (derived later), expressions for the derivative of  $\theta_o$  with respect to  $k_r$  are obtained. The derivations will be divided into three cases, based upon whether the sound field at the boundary is best described by the WKB exponential solution (Eq. (2.26)), the Airy Solution (Eq. (3.5)), or the WKB oscillatory solution (Eq. (2.24)).

##### A. THE SURFACE BOUNDARY

The pressure release boundary condition at the surface as defined by Eq. (2.14a) is applied to one of the three solution cases. The coefficients thus derived are matched to produce a value for  $\theta_u$  in Eq. (2.30).

##### 1. Case I

Consider a surface boundary which is in the shadow zone region. If Eq. (2.27) is satisfied at the surface, the WKB shadow zone solution (Eq. (2.26)) is a good representation at the surface (Fig 6). Apply the surface boundary condition to obtain

$$U_{II}(0) = \beta_o^{-1/2} \{ c_o \exp(\int_0^{z_{tu}} \beta dz) + d_o \exp(-\int_0^{z_{tu}} \beta dz) \} = 0, \quad (4.1)$$





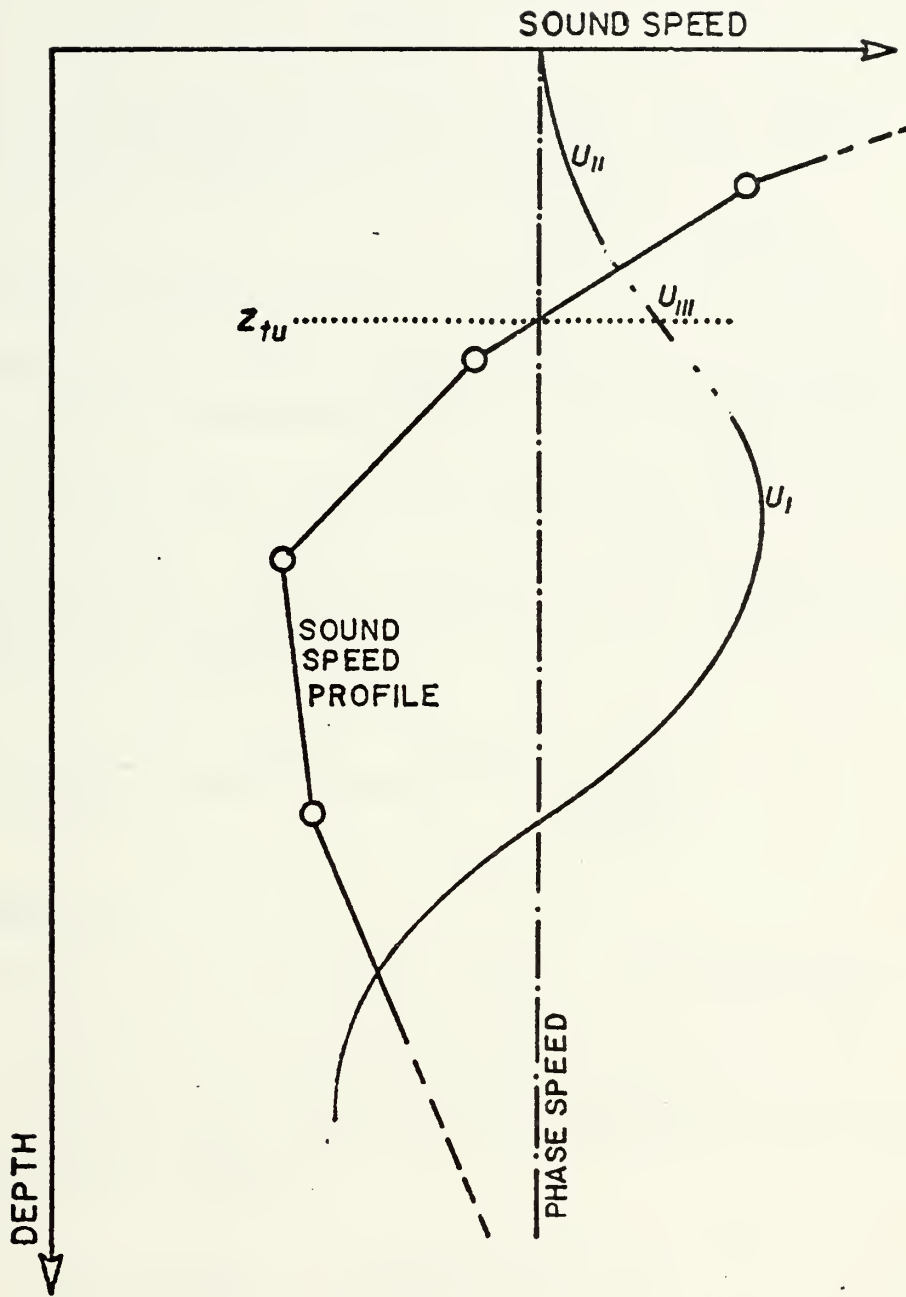


FIGURE 6 - Surface Boundary Condition - Case I



where  $\beta_0$  is the value of  $\beta$  at the surface. Using the notation

$$Lu = \int_0^{z_{tu}} \beta dz, \quad (4.2)$$

and with the connection formulae (3.13) and (3.14), the surface boundary condition may be written,

$$\theta_u = \arctan (b_o/a_o) = \arctan [(2+e^{-2Lu})/(2-e^{-2Lu})]. \quad (4.3)$$

As the depth of the turning point increases,  $Lu$  increases in magnitude, and  $\theta_u$  approaches  $\pi/4$ . This result corresponds to the  $\pi/4$  phase shift for a refracted wave in an unbounded medium, as derived by many authors including Brekhovskikh [1], Schiff [2], and Tolstoy and Clay [3]. Differentiating with respect to  $k_r$  obtain

$$\frac{d}{dk_r}(\theta_u) = -8e^{-2Lu} [4+e^{-4Lu}]^{-1} \frac{d}{dk_r}(Lu). \quad (4.4)$$

## 2. Case II

If  $|x| \ll 1$  in Eq. (3.5), and the surface and turning point occur in the same linear segment of  $k^2$ , then the Airy solution (Eq. (3.5)) can be matched to the surface boundary condition (Fig 7)

$$c_1(A_o + \sqrt{3}B_o) + c_2(\sqrt{3}B_o - A_o)x = 0. \quad (4.5)$$

Using the turning point connection formulae, the upper turning point phase shift may be expressed,

$$\theta_u = \arctan (b_o/a_o)$$



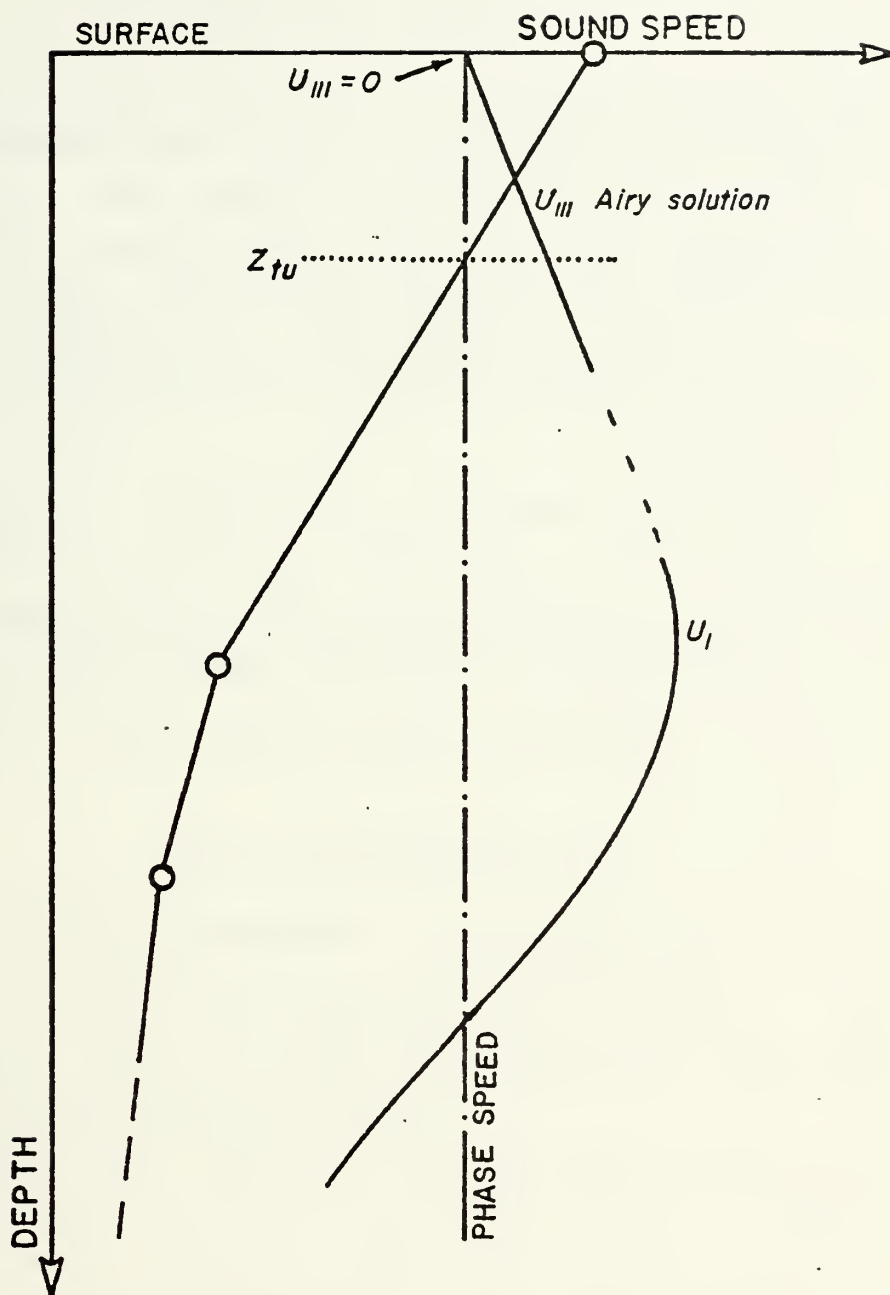


FIGURE 7 - Surface Boundary Condition - Case II



where

$$\frac{b_o}{a_o} = [c_2(\sqrt{3}-1)x + c_1(\sqrt{3}+1)] / [c_2(\sqrt{3}+1)x + c_1(\sqrt{3}-1)]. \quad (4.6)$$

For values of  $|x| < 0.3$  the upper turning point phase shift increases from  $65.31^\circ$  to  $87.00^\circ$  as the turning point approaches the surface (and the mode becomes surface reflected). This differs from the WKB exponential upper turning point phase shift, which varies from  $45^\circ$  to  $72.57^\circ$  as  $Lu$  decreases from a large number to zero.

The derivative of  $\theta_u$  with respect to  $k_r$  is

$$\frac{d}{dk}(\theta_u) = (a_o^2 + b_o^2)^{-1} 2k_r c_2 [a_o(\sqrt{3}-1) - b_o(\sqrt{3}+1)]. \quad (4.7)$$

When  $x$  equals zero, which corresponds to a wave which is refracted with grazing incidence at the surface,

$$\theta_u = \arctan [(\sqrt{3}+1)/(\sqrt{3}-1)],$$

$$= 5\pi/12 \text{ radians or } 75^\circ.$$

This condition is analogous to the ray that grazes the surface at zero degrees, or is just tangent to the surface. This result can be duplicated by starting with the connection formulae given by Schiff [4], rather than with the connection formulae (3.13).

Since Eq. (4.5) is an approximation for  $U_{III}$  on both sides of the turning point (for small values of  $x$ ), Eq. (4.6) should provide a good representation for small negative as well as small positive  $x$ . This corresponds to waves reflected from the surface at extremely small grazing





angles.  $\theta_u$  as a function of  $x$  increases as the denominator of Eq. (4.6) approaches zero. This occurs for a value of

$$x = [c_1(1-\sqrt{3})] / [c_2(1+\sqrt{3})] = -0.3675516 .$$

At this value,

$$\theta_u = \pi/2 \text{ radians} = 90^\circ,$$

and we have the most common form of the pressure release boundary condition - a phase shift of  $\pi$  radians or 180 degrees (here split equally between the upgoing and downgoing waves).

### 3. Case III

In this case consider a wave that is reflected from the surface at an angle large enough so that the WKB representation is valid. Thus the boundary condition becomes (Fig 8)

$$U_I = k_z^{-1/2} \cos\left(\int_0^z k_z dz - \theta_u\right) = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

At the surface,  $z = z_0$  and

$$\theta_u = \pi/2 \text{ or } 90^\circ. \quad (4.9)$$

This is the expected result for a pressure release surface.

### 4. General Cases

The results for the three cases described above are shown in Fig 9 as a function of  $x$ , for  $k^2$  a linear function of depth. The WKB validity criterion  $F_w$  is also displayed (the validity criterion for the Airy solution is  $|x|$ ). The



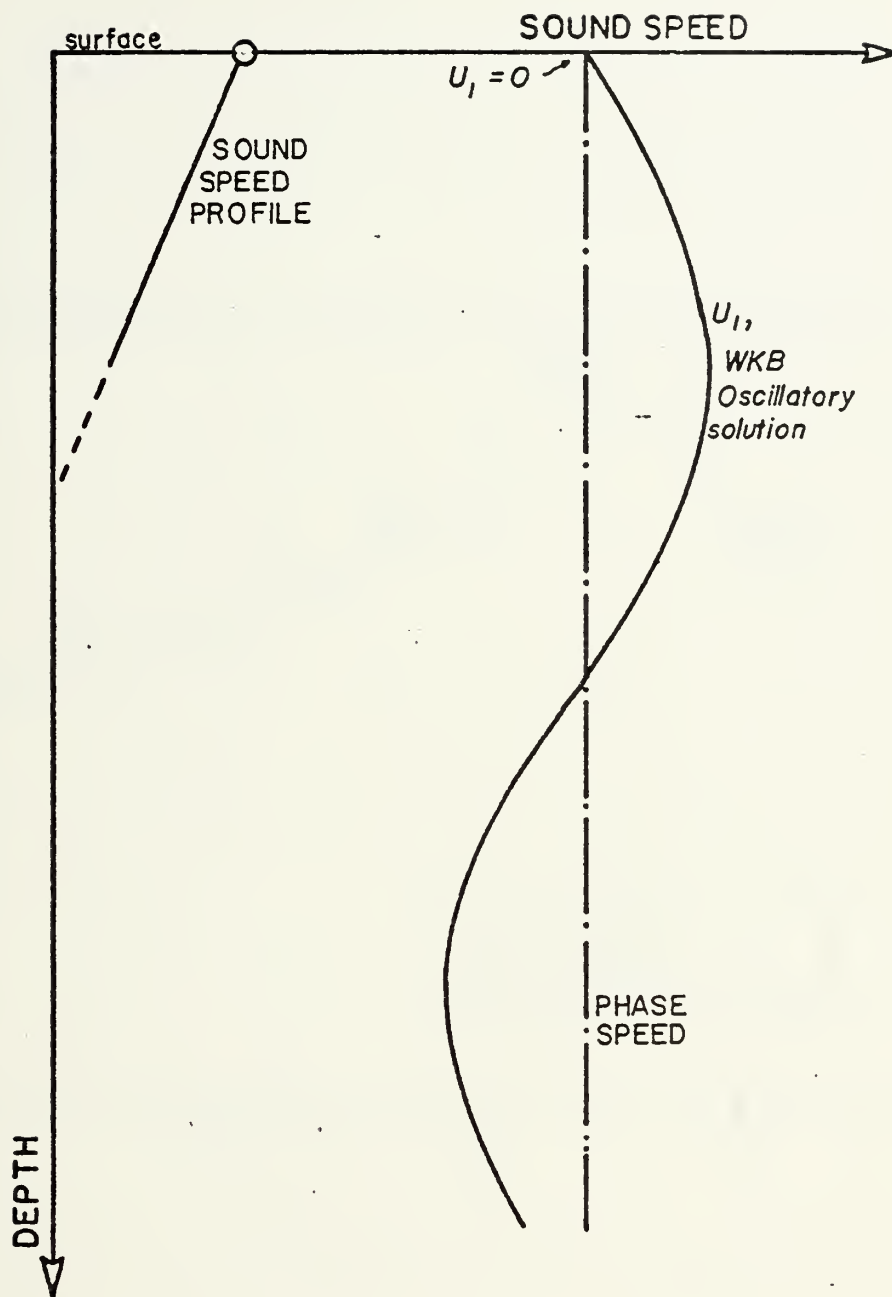


FIGURE 8 - Surface Boundary Condition - Case III



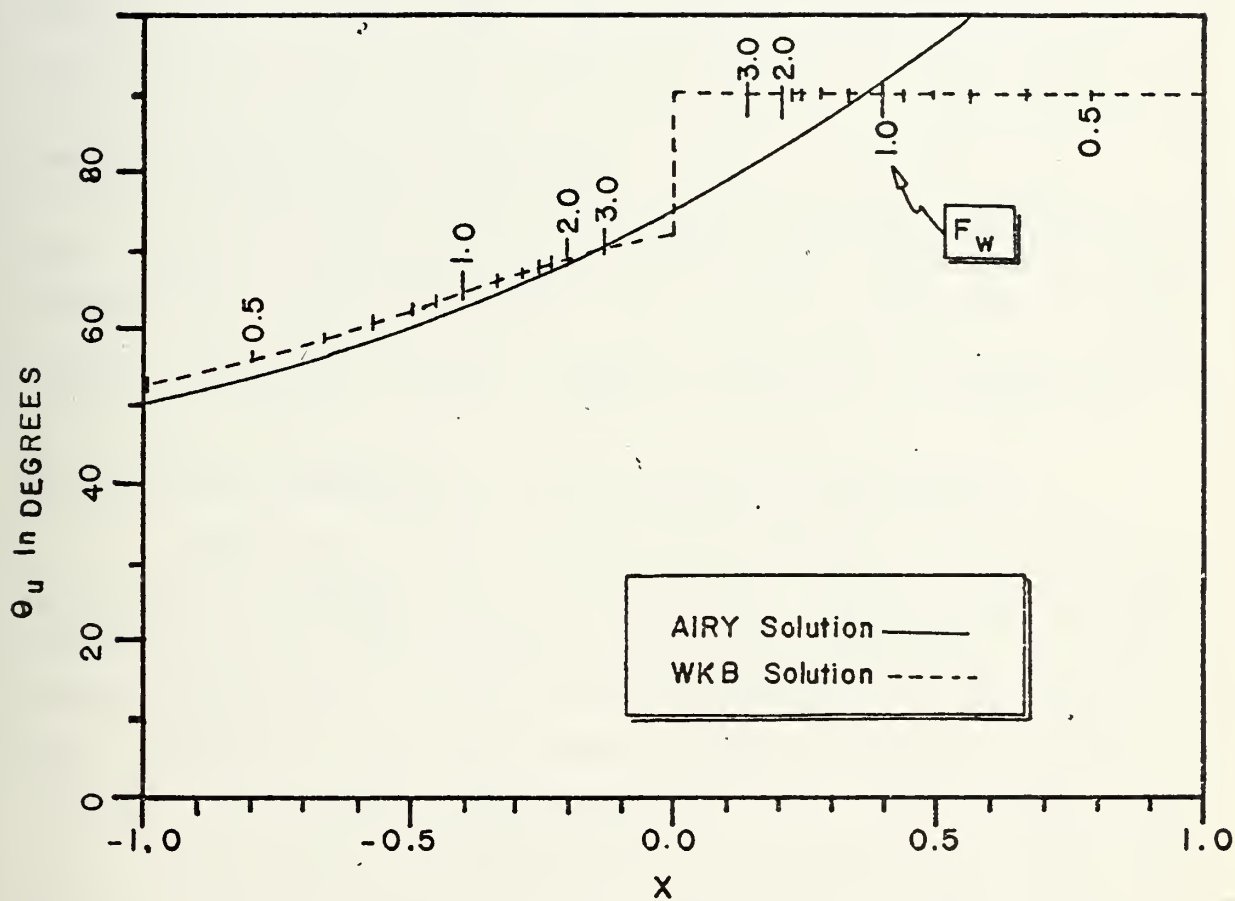


FIGURE 9 - Surface Boundary Condition -  $\theta_u$  vs.  $x$



Airy analysis shows that there are three distinct cases for the effect of the surface pressure release boundary upon the upper turning point phase shift. The extent of each case depends upon the gradient of  $k_r$  at the surface. Note that there is a "gap" between those values of  $|x|$  which are sufficiently small for  $|F_a| \ll 1$ , and those values which are sufficiently large for  $|F_w| \ll 1$ . This gap could be shortened by the inclusion of more terms in the ascending series for the Airy functions.

In addition, the sound speed profiles normally do not allow the representation of the sound speed curve between the surface and the upper turning point as a single linear gradient in  $k^2$ . Usually there is a combination of such linear segments, which may affect the results.

Consider a profile near the surface as a combination of linear segments as in Fig 10. Since the boundary condition at the surface must be satisfied, it must be determined which, if any, form of the solution may apply at the surface. In most cases there should be a range of relatively low phase speeds for which the WKB shadow zone solution is a good approximation at the surface. This range corresponds to the deep channel refracted waves (Fig 10). At the other end of the phase speed spectrum, there will be some range for which the WKB oscillatory solution (with a phase shift of  $\pi/2$ ) is a good approximation. In addition there will be some narrow band of phase speed, centered about the surface sound speed, for which the Airy solution is a good approximation.

The gaps between these ranges of good approximation could be bridged by using the full Airy function





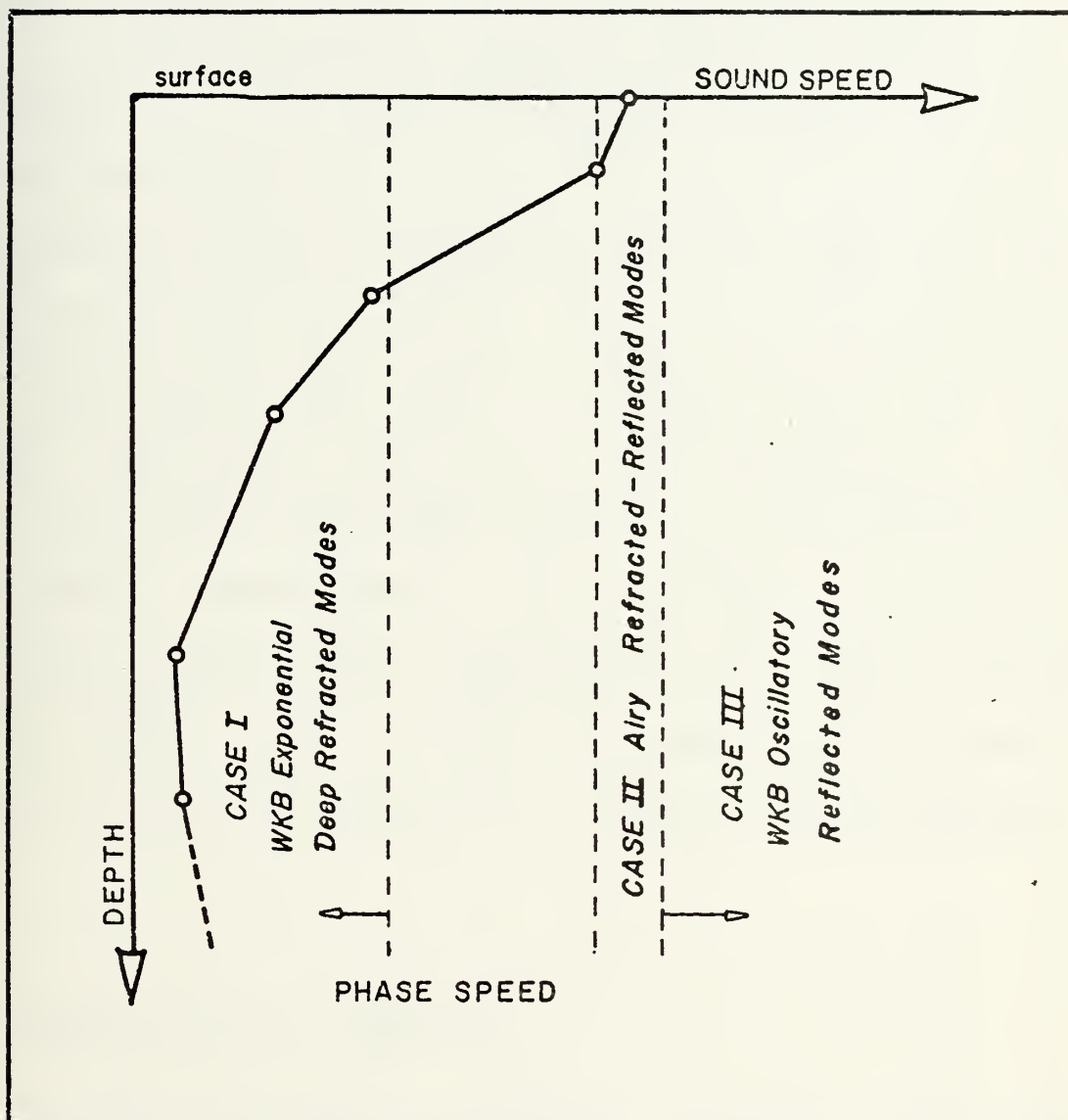


FIGURE 10 - Typical Sound Speed Profile near the Surface



representation and then matching the Airy functions from segment to segment. This is the basis of models developed by Tolstoy and May [5], and Bartberger and Ackler [6]. However, the calculation of the Airy functions for a large number of layers becomes a time-consuming task, and is beyond the aim of a fast estimate set for this model.

If the surface boundary condition is plotted as a function of  $c_p$ , the results are similar to Fig 11. For low  $c_p$  the value of  $\theta_u$  approaches  $\pi/4$  radians or  $45^\circ$ . As  $c_p$  is increased, a region is approached where the shadow zone WKB solution is no longer valid. As  $c_p$  continues to increase, the other side of this "gap" is reached where the Airy series solution of case II is a good approximation. This case has a value of  $75^\circ$  for  $\theta_u$  at the  $c_p$  corresponding to the surface sound speed. Case II continues to case III where the value of  $\theta_u$  is a constant  $90^\circ$ . In this computer model (QMODE) the gap between the case I solution and the case II solution is bridged with a third order polynomial in  $k_r$ .

## B. BOTTOM BOUNDARY CONDITION

To find the bottom boundary condition the same techniques are used as for the surface boundary conditions. The boundary condition at the ocean bottom is expressed by Eq. (2.14b). Assume that a value for  $\mu$  and the derivative of  $\mu$  with respect to  $k_r$  is provided by the bottom model used. Normally  $\mu$  will be a function of  $k_r$ .



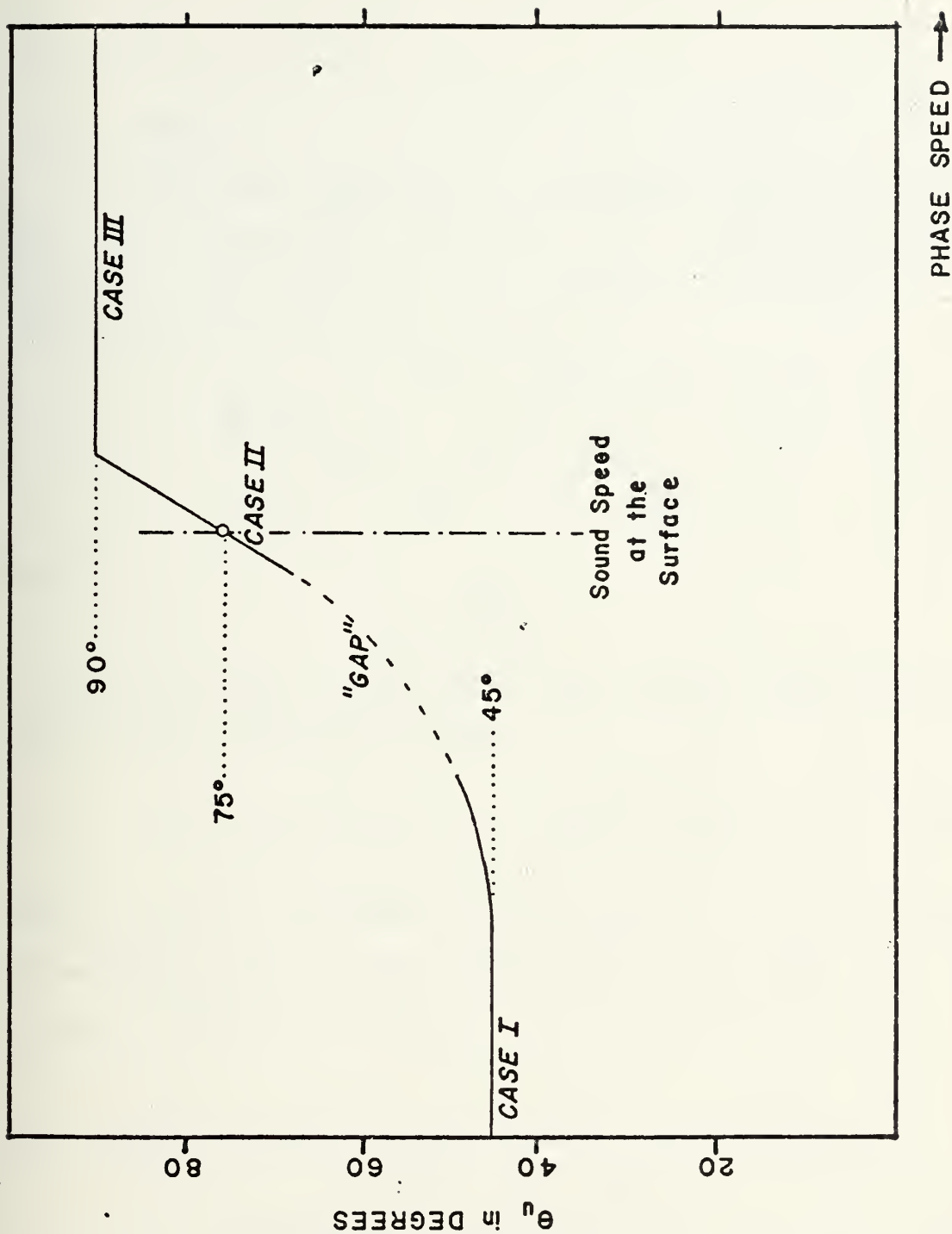


FIGURE 11 - Surface Boundary Condition -  $\theta_u$  vs  $c_p$



As with the surface boundary condition the lower turning point phase change,  $\theta_1$ , will be investigated for the three forms of the solution.

### 1. Case I

For modes refracted at depths well above the bottom, the WKB exponential solution is a good approximation (Fig 12). The derivative (with respect to depth) of the WKB exponential solution (Eq. (2.26)) is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz}(U_{II}) &= \beta^{-1/2} (c_o e^{Ll} - d_o e^{-Ll}) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \beta^{-3/2} (c_o e^{Ll} + d_o e^{-Ll}) \frac{d\beta}{dz}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

where

$$Ll = \int_{z_{tl}}^{z_b} \beta dz.$$

By use of the WKB assumption in Eq. (2.27), drop the second term in Eq. (4.10), and obtain

$$\mu = \beta_f (c_o e^{Ll} - d_o e^{-Ll}) / (c_o e^{Ll} + d_o e^{-Ll}), \quad (4.11)$$

where  $\beta_f$  is evaluated at the bottom of the water column. Solve for  $c_o$  and  $d_o$ , and substitute into Eqs. (4.7) and (2.26):

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta_1 = b_o/a_o &= [2(\beta_f - \mu) e^{Ll} - (\beta_f + \mu) e^{-Ll}] / \\ &[2(\beta_f - \mu) e^{Ll} + (\beta_f + \mu) e^{-Ll}]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Note that as  $Ll$  becomes larger,  $\theta_1$  approaches  $\pi/4$  radians or  $45^\circ$ , which agrees with the phase shift for a purely refracted wave in a boundless medium. As  $Ll$  approaches





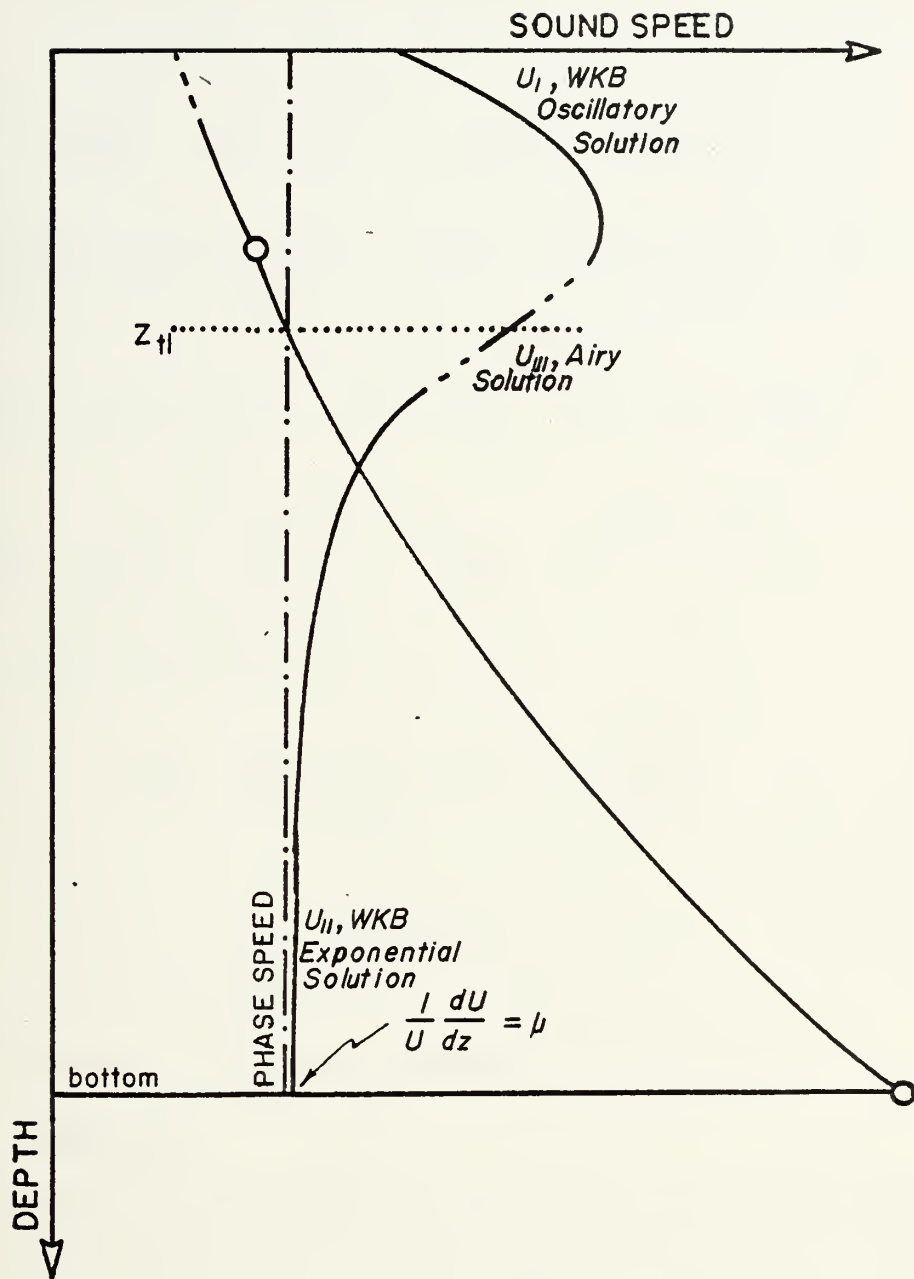


FIGURE 12 - Bottom Boundary Condition - Case I



zero, the turning point approaches the bottom and  $\theta_1$  approaches  $71.57^\circ$ .

Differentiate  $\theta_1$  with respect to  $k_r$  to obtain

$$\frac{d\theta_1}{dk_r} = (a_o^2 + b_o^2)^{-1} [a_o b_o' - b_o a_o'], \quad (4.13)$$

where primes denote partial differentiation with respect to  $k_r$ . For this case  $a_o'$  and  $b_o'$  are evaluated by

$$\begin{aligned} a_o' &= b_o L1' + (2e^{L1} + e^{-L1})\beta_f' - (2e^{L1} - e^{-L1})\mu', \\ b_o' &= a_o L1' + (2e^{L1} - e^{-L1})\beta_f' - (2e^{L1} + e^{-L1})\mu'. \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

$L1'$  and  $\beta_f'$  are evaluated by

$$L1' = \frac{d}{dk_r} \left( \int_{z_{t1}}^{z_b} \beta dz \right) = k_r^{-1} \beta^{-1} dz, \quad (4.15)$$

and

$$\beta_f' = \frac{d}{dk_r} (k_r^2 - k_f^2)^{1/2} = k_r \beta_f^{-1}. \quad (4.16)$$

The bottom model used must supply a value for  $\mu'$ .

## 2. Case II

For  $k_r$  sufficiently close to  $k_f$ , the wave number at the bottom of the water column, the Airy solution (Eq. (3.5)) is a good approximation (Fig 13). From Eq. (3.5)



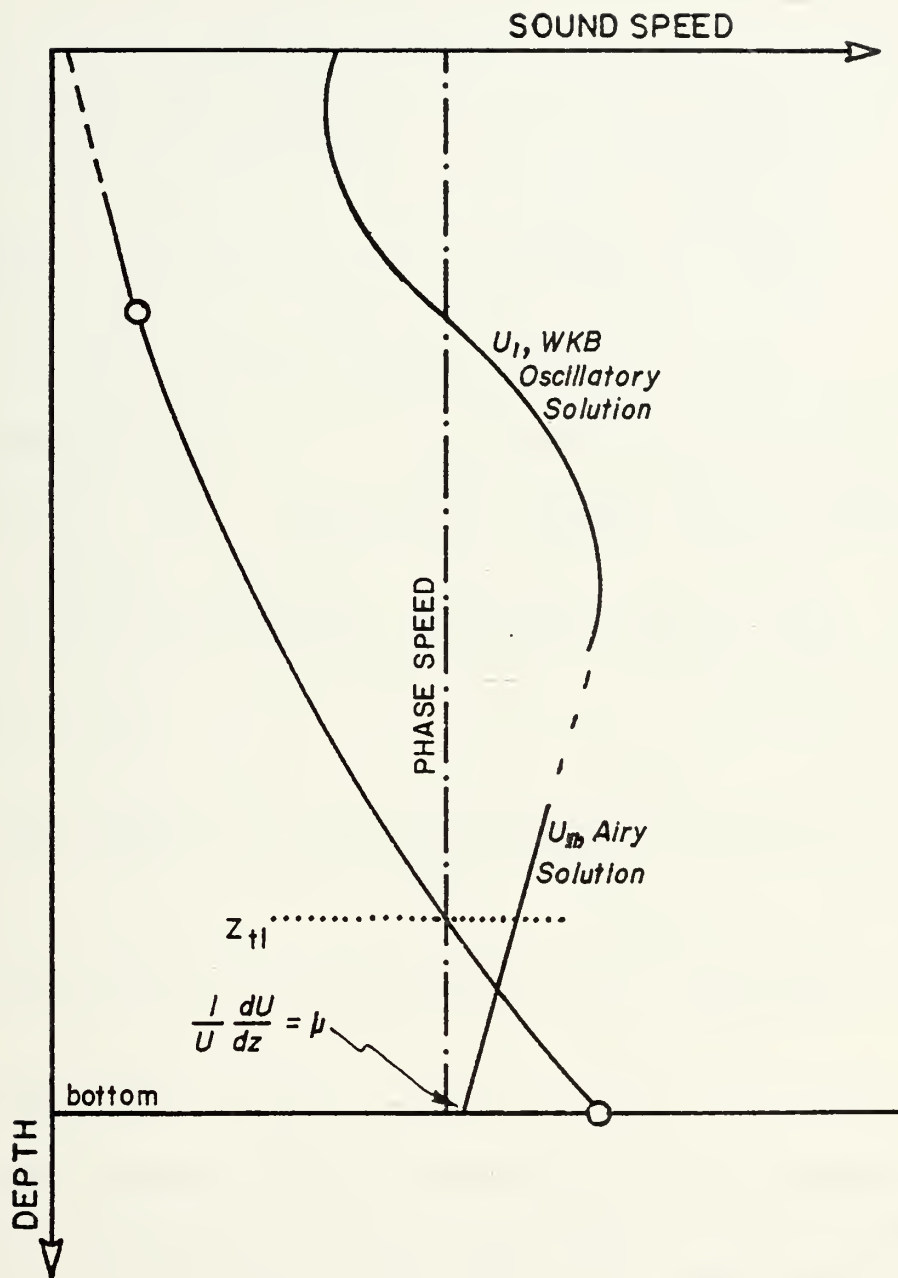


FIGURE 13 - Bottom Boundary Condition - Case II



$$\mu = [c_2 (\sqrt{3}B_o - A_o)] / [c_1 (A_o + \sqrt{3}B_o) \gamma^{2/3} + c_2 (\sqrt{3}B_o - A_o) \beta_f^2]. \quad (4.17)$$

Solving for  $A_o$  and  $B_o$  gives

$$b_o/a_o = [c_2 (\sqrt{3}-1) (\gamma - \beta_f^2) - c_1 (\sqrt{3}+1) \mu \gamma^{2/3}] / [c_2 (\sqrt{3}+1) (\gamma - \beta_f^2) - c_1 (\sqrt{3}-1) \mu \gamma^{2/3}]. \quad (4.18)$$

For a rigid bottom  $\mu = 0$ , at  $k_r$  equal to  $k_f$ ,  $\theta_1$  equals  $\pi/12$  radians or  $15^\circ$ . If  $\gamma$  approaches infinity (which corresponds to a pressure release surface), Eq. (4.18) becomes Eq. (4.6). For case II the derivative of  $\theta_1$  (Eq. (4.13)) is evaluated by

$$a'_o = -2c_2 k_r (\sqrt{3}+1) \mu - [c_2 \beta_f^2 (\sqrt{3}+1) + c_1 \gamma^{2/3} (\sqrt{3}-1)] \mu',$$

$$b'_o = -2c_2 k_r (\sqrt{3}-1) \mu - [c_2 \beta_f^2 (\sqrt{3}-1) + c_1 \gamma^{2/3} (\sqrt{3}+1)] \mu'. \quad (4.19)$$

### 3. Case III

The simplest case is when the wave is reflected from the bottom at grazing angles great enough to allow use of the WKB oscillatory solution (Fig 14). The derivative of the WKB oscillatory solution (Eq. (2.24)) is

$$\frac{d}{dz} (U_I) = k_z^{1/2} \sin \left( \int_z^{z_b} k_z dz - \theta_1 \right), \quad (4.20)$$

where the terms for the derivative of  $k_z$  have been dropped





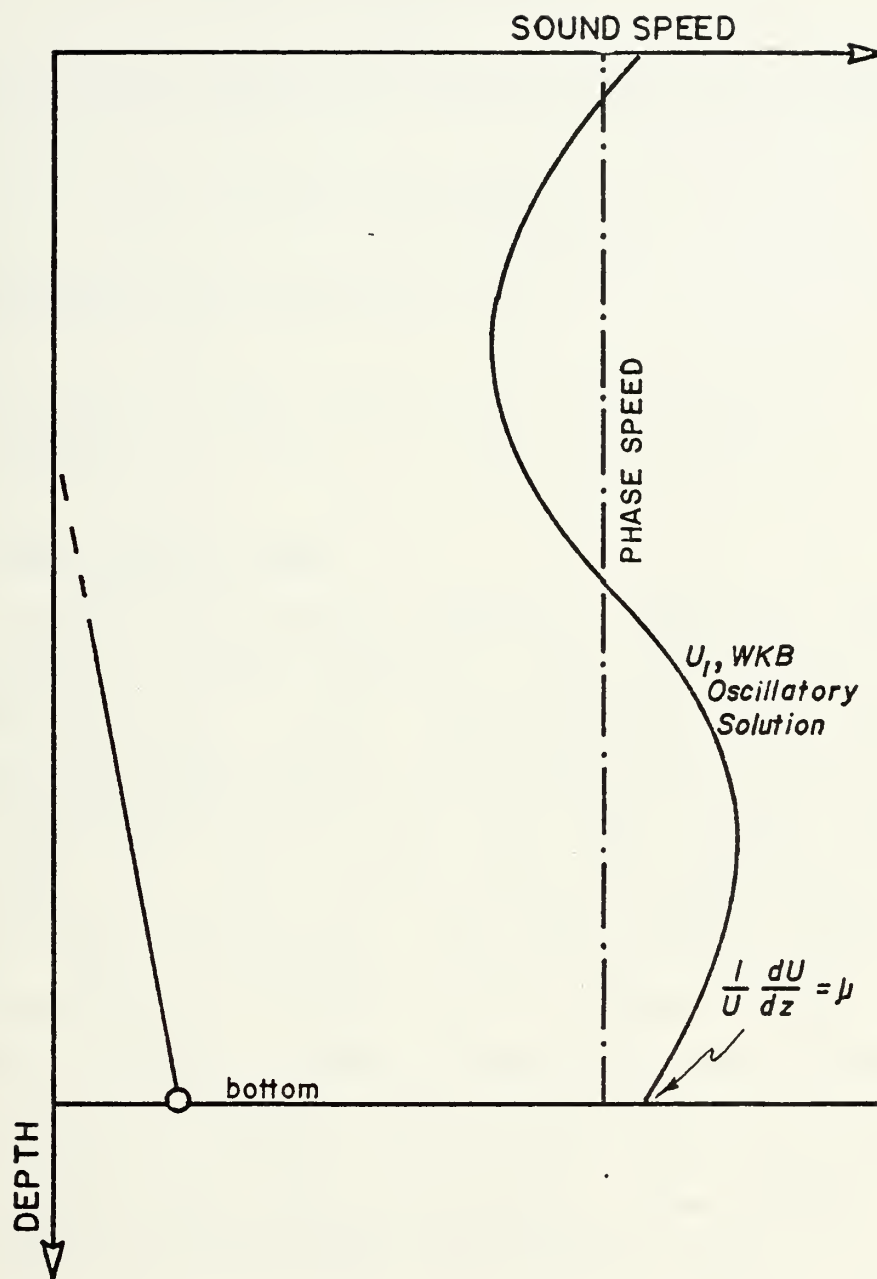


FIGURE 14 - Bottom Boundary Condition - Case III



as in Eq. (4.10). Thus

$$\mu = k_z \tan \left( \int_z^{z_b} k_z dz - \theta_1 \right);$$

evaluated at the bottom, the expression for  $\theta_1$  becomes

$$\theta_1 = \arctan \left( -\mu/k_z \right) \Big|_{\text{bottom}}. \quad (4.21)$$

The derivative with respect to  $k_r$  is

$$\frac{d}{dk_r} (\theta_1) = (\mu^2 + k_z^2)^{-1} [-k_z \mu' - \mu k_r / k_z]. \quad (4.22)$$

#### 4. The General Cases

As with the surface boundary condition there are three ranges of phase speed for which each of the forms of the solution is a valid representation (Fig 15). At relatively low phase speeds, the shadow zone WKB solution is a good approximation (case I). At phase speeds near the sound speed at the bottom, the Airy solution is a good representation (case II). At high phase speeds near cut-off, the oscillatory WKB solution is a good representation (case III). In the case of the bottom boundary, however, there are two gaps between the representative solutions: one between case I and case II, and one between case II and case III. In a method similar to the surface case, the gaps between these cases can be bridged with two third-order polynomials in  $k_r$ .

#### C. BOUNDARY CONDITION TEST

The equations for the bottom boundary condition were tested for three test cases by comparing the WKB results (as



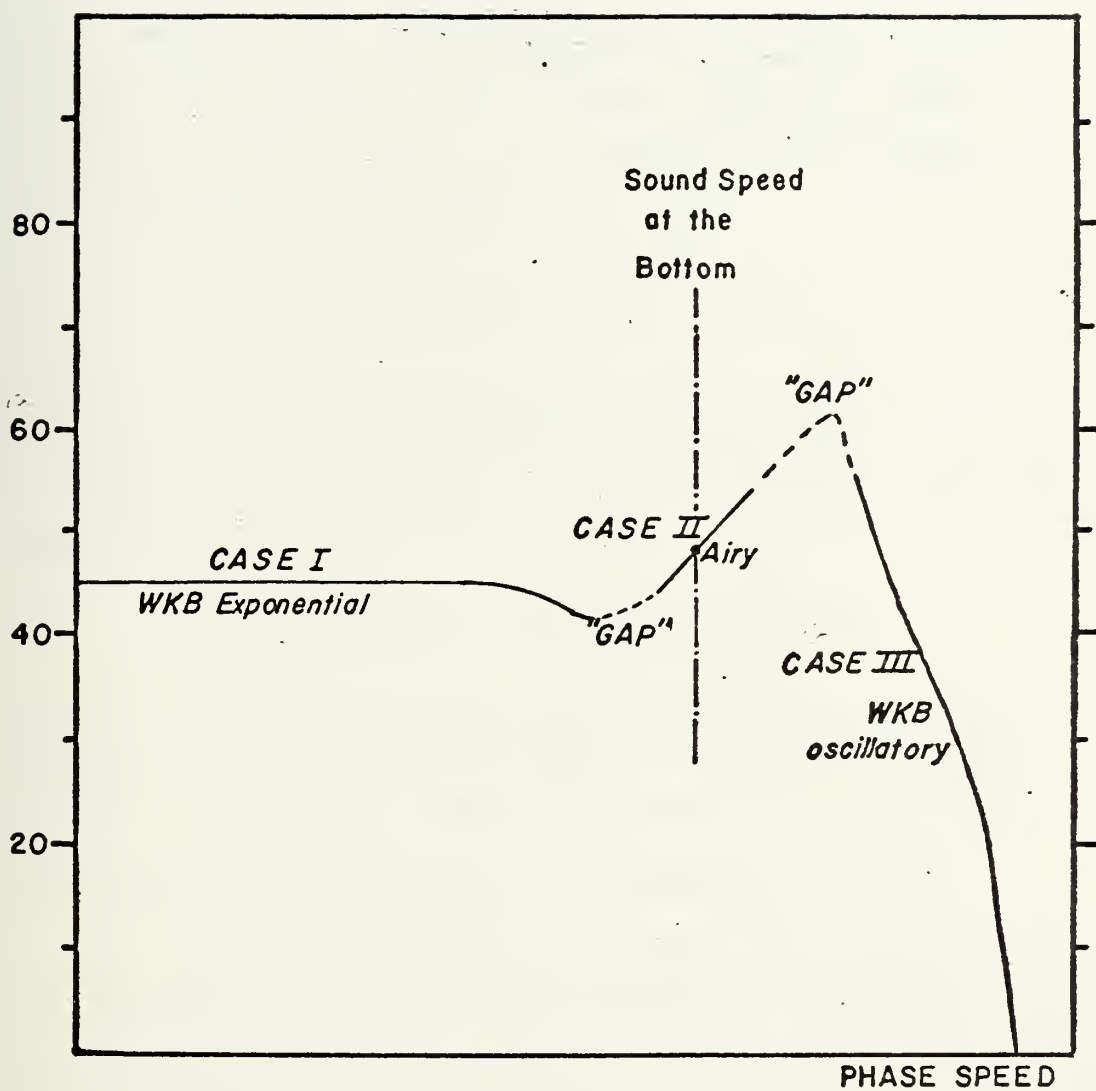


FIGURE 15 - Bottom Boundary Condition -  $\theta_1$  vs  $c_p$



calculated by the program QMODE) with a finite difference technique. The finite difference technique was adapted from a normal mode program by the author [7]. The routine started with a fluid bottom boundary condition and iterated a solution for the depth function upward over a depth grid of 501 points using the finite difference equations of the NORM01 program of Ref. [7]. At the grid points the sound speed profile was interpolated to be linear in  $c^{-2}$ . This was done to insure the closest possible match between profiles. The iteration was stopped when the lower turning point had been crossed and

$$|k_z(i+1) - k_z(i)| h k_z^{-2} < 0.1, \quad (4.23)$$

where  $h$  is the grid step size. This condition allows the WKB form of the solution to be a fairly good approximation. The lower turning point phase angle was then calculated using the expression

$$\theta_1 = \arctan [-U' / (k_z U)] - \int_{z_{t1}}^z k_z dz$$

where  $U'$  is the derivative of  $U$  with respect to depth (this quantity is a part of the NORM01 iteration scheme). The integral of  $k_z$  was calculated using the trapezoidal rule.

If Eq. (4.23) was not met, no comparison was made.

The three test profiles consisted of two deep ocean profiles and one shallow water profile. The three profiles were the three test cases for the Acoustic Environmental Support Detachment Workshop on Acoustic Propagation Modelling by Non-Ray-Tracing Techniques [8]. The profiles are listed in Tables 1 through 3. The results are plotted beginning with Fig 16.





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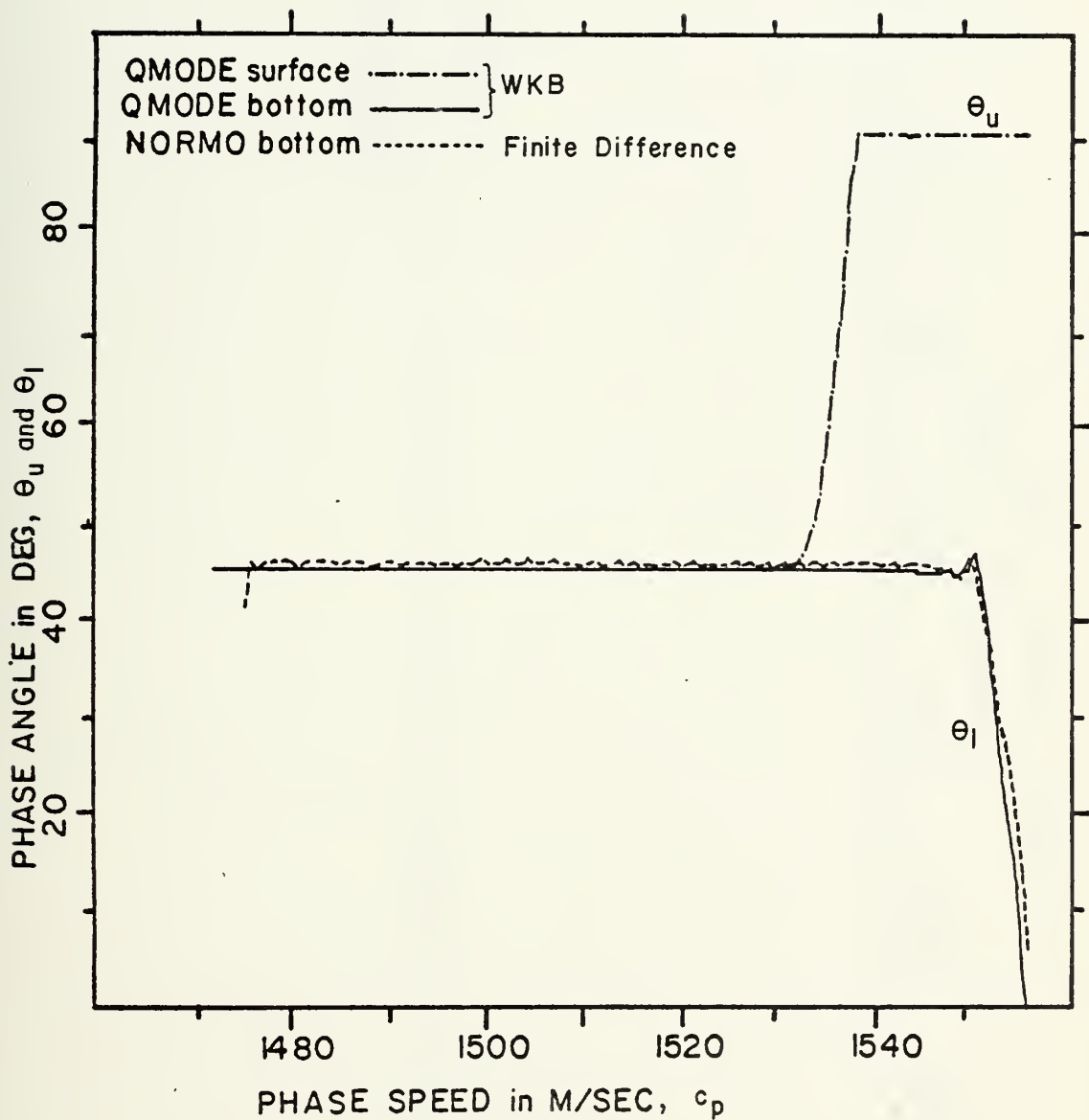
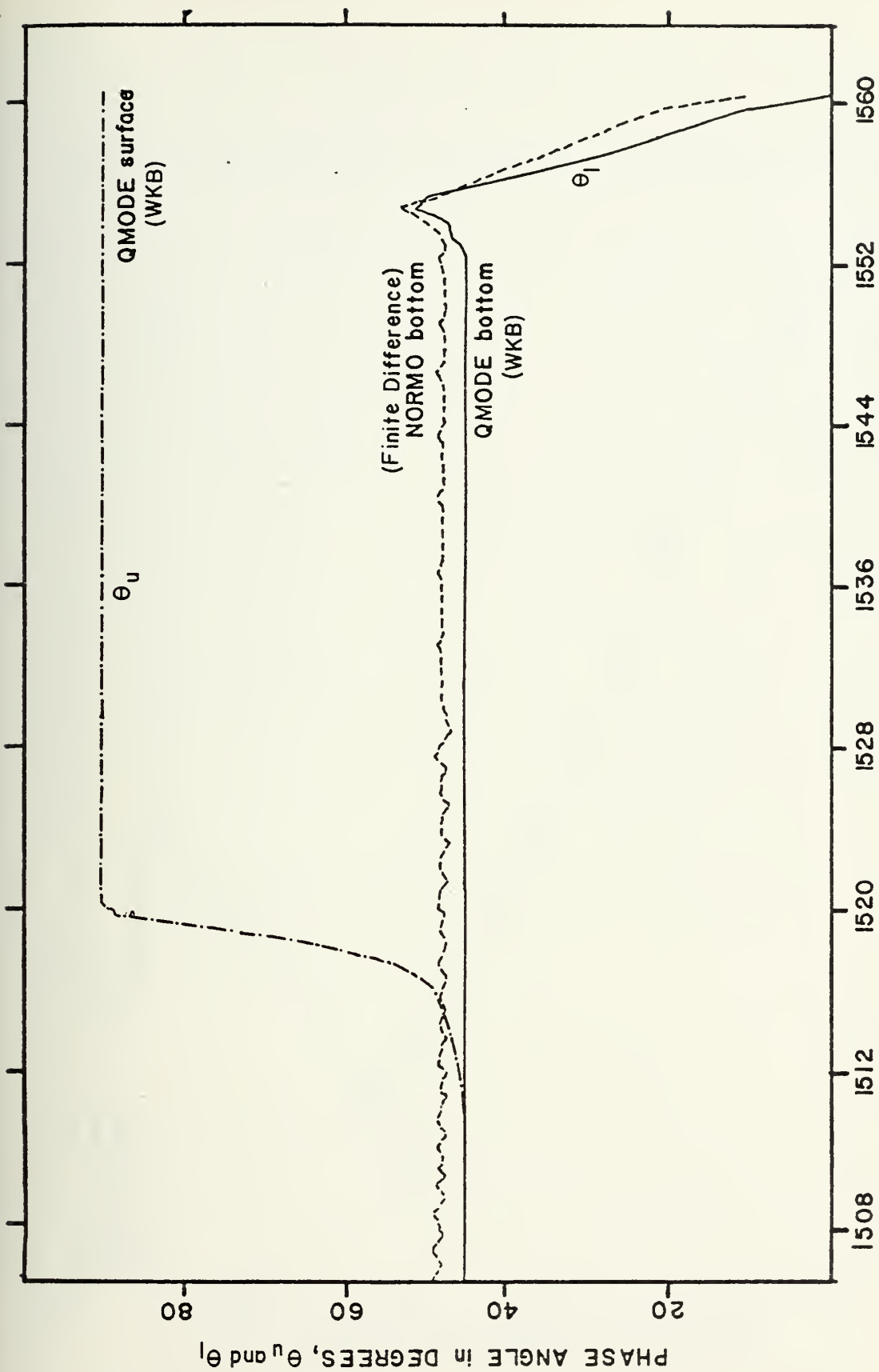


FIGURE 16 - AESD 1,  $\theta_l$  and  $\theta_u$  vs  $c_p$





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FIGURE 17 - AESD 2,  $\theta_l$  and  $\theta_u$  vs  $c_p$



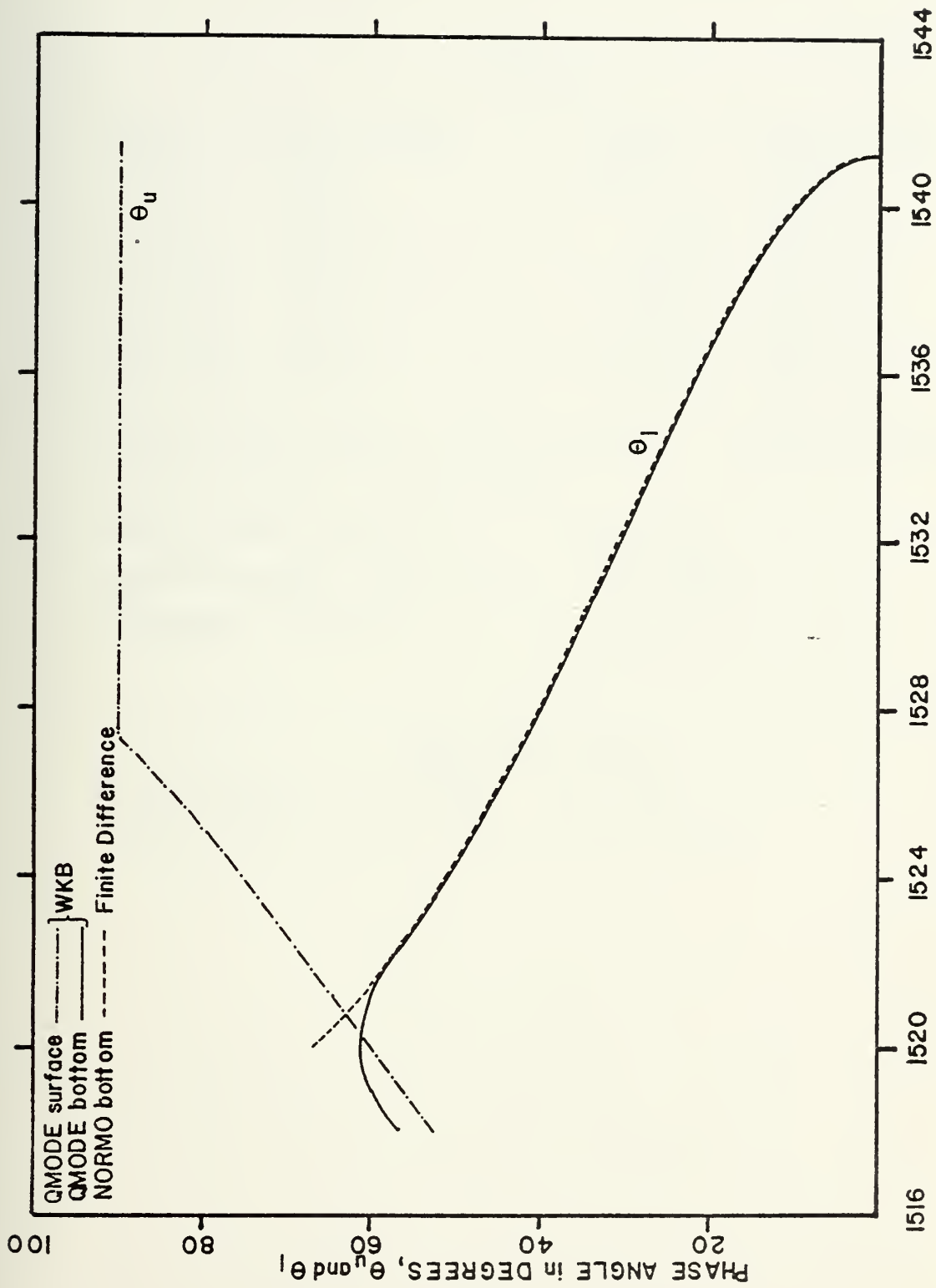


FIGURE 18 - AESD 3,  $\theta_l$  and  $\theta_u$  vs  $c_p$





TABLE I  
AESD 1 PROFILE AND RUN TIMES

PROFILE

Depth	Sound Speed	Depth	Sound Speed
meters	m/sec	feet	ft/sec
0.0	1536.50	0.0	5041.00
152.40	1539.24	500.00	5050.00
406.30	1501.14	1333.00	4925.00
1015.90	1471.88	3333.00	4829.00
5587.89	1549.60	18333.00	5084.00
Bottom Sound Speed: 1555.52 m/sec,      5103.42 ft/sec			
Bottom Density: 1.9176 gm/cc			
Source Depth: 253.90 m,      833.00 ft			
Receiver Depth: 863.50 m,      2833.00 ft			
Frequency: 25.00 Hz			

QMODE RUN TIMES

Calculation of 44 Modes: 3.62 sec  
Transmission Loss to 120.0 nm 18.43 sec



TABLE II  
AESD 2 PROFILE AND RUN TIMES

PROFILE

Depth meters	Sound Speed m/sec	Depth feet	Sound Speed ft/sec
0.0	1519.12	0.0	4984.00
60.96	1520.34	200.00	4988.00
91.44	1511.20	300.00	4958.00
182.88	1507.24	600.00	4945.00
487.68	1503.88	1600.00	4934.00
1219.20	1511.81	4000.00	4960.00
1402.08	1508.76	4600.00	4950.00
1828.80	1499.62	6000.00	4920.00
2438.40	1504.80	8000.00	4937.00
3962.40	1527.66	13000.00	5012.00
5486.40	1554.48	18000.00	5100.00

Bottom Sound Speed: 1560.39 m/sec,      5119.40 ft/sec

Bottom Density: 1.9176 gm/cc

Source Depth: 243.84 m,      800.00 ft

Receiver Depth: 1097.28 m,      3600.00 ft

Frequency: 50.00 Hz

QMODE RUN TIMES

Calculation of 81 Modes: 4.36 sec

Transmission Loss to 300.0 nm 21.60 sec



TABLE III  
AESD 3 PROFILE AND RUN TIMES

PROFILE

Depth	Sound Speed	Depth	Sound Speed
meters	m/sec	feet	ft/sec
0.0	1524.00	0.0	5000.00
15.24	1520.95	50.00	4990.00
45.72	1517.90	150.00	4980.00
Bottom Sound Speed: 1541.31 m/sec,		5056.80 ft/sec	
Bottom Density: 1.40 gm/cc			
Source Depth: 6.10 m,		20.00 ft	
Receiver Depth: 12.19 m,		40.00 ft	
Frequency: 500.00 Hz			

QMODE RUN TIMES

Calculation of 5 Modes: 1.32 sec  
Transmission Loss to 25.0 nm 6.05 sec



## V. THEORY: THE INHOMOGENEOUS EQUATION

In the preceding section approximate solutions to the homogeneous differential equation (2.10) were developed. In this section a source term will be added to the differential equation, resulting in an inhomogeneous differential equation to be solved by a Green's function superposition of homogeneous solutions.

### A. SOLUTION OF THE INHOMOGENEOUS EQUATION

The inhomogeneous version of equation (2.10) for a source at depth  $z_s$ , and zero range, is

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) + \frac{d^2 \phi}{dz^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \phi = -2 \frac{\delta(r)}{r} \delta(z - z_s), \quad (5.1)$$

where  $\delta$  is the delta function. Applying the Hankel transform (Eq. (2.11)) results in the inhomogeneous differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + [k_r^2 - k_s^2] u(z, k_r) = -2 \delta(z - z_s). \quad (5.2)$$

The conditions imposed upon this equation are the same as (2.14) with the exception that  $\frac{du}{dz}$  is discontinuous at depth  $z = z_s$ . First, the Green's function will be defined and then the solution will be integrated using the inverse Hankel transform.

#### 1. The Green's Function

Equation (5.2) can be solved by means of a Green's





function [1], defined by

$$u = G(z, z_s) = -2U_1(z)U_2(z_s) / W(U_1, U_2, z_s) \\ 0 < z < z_s, \quad (5.3)$$

and

$$u = G(z, z_s) = -2U_2(z)U_1(z_s) / W(U_1, U_2, z_s) \\ z_s < z < z_b.$$

The function  $U_1(z)$  is the solution to the homogeneous equation (2.13) which satisfies the surface boundary condition. The function  $U_2(z)$  is the homogeneous solution which satisfies the lower boundary condition.  $W(U_1, U_2, z)$  is the Wronskian for the two solutions, given by

$$W(U_1, U_2, z) = U_1(z)U_2'(z) - U_1'(z)U_2(z),$$

where primes denote partial differentiation with respect to depth. The separate solutions  $U_1(z)$  and  $U_2(z)$  become

$$U_1(z) = k_z^{-1/2} \cos\left(\int_{z_{tu}}^z k_z dz - \theta_1\right), \quad (5.4) \\ U_2(z) = k_z^{-1/2} \cos\left(\int_z^{z_{tl}} k_z dz - \theta_2\right),$$

$$\text{where } z_{tu} < z < z_{tl};$$

and  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are determined by the surface and bottom boundary conditions. Designate

$$L_1 = \int_{z_{tu}}^z k_z dz - \theta_1, \quad (5.5)$$



$$L_2 = \int_z^{z_{t1}} k_z dz - \theta_2,$$

which gives an expression for the Wronskian,

$$W = k_z^{-1/2} \left[ \frac{d}{dz}(L_1) \cos L_2 \sin L_1 - \frac{d}{dz}(L_2) \cos L_1 \sin L_2 \right],$$

$$W = \sin(L_1 + L_2). \quad (5.6)$$

For those values of  $k_r$  for which  $\sin(L_1 + L_2)$  equals zero, the Green's function is singular. The characteristic equation for a zero Wronskian is

$$L_1 + L_2 = \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{t1}} k_z dz - \theta_1 - \theta_2 = n\pi$$

$$n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (5.7)$$

where  $n+1$  is the mode number. This is identical to homogeneous characteristic equation (2.30). The derivative of the Wronskian with respect to  $k_r$  is

$$W' = \frac{dW}{dk_r} = \cos(L_1 + L_2) \frac{d}{dk_r}(L_1 + L_2)$$

$$= \cos(L_1 + L_2) \left[ -k_r \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{t1}} (k_z)^{-1} dz - \frac{d}{dk_r}(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \right]. \quad (5.8)$$

Since  $W'$  is well defined at the zeros of the Wronskian, the poles of the Green's function are simple poles.

## 2. Evaluation of the Integral

To evaluate the integral expression for  $(z, r)$ ,

$$\phi(z, r) = \int_0^\infty G(z, z_s; k_r) J_0(k_r r) k_r dk_r, \quad (5.9)$$

it is standard practice to express  $J_0(k_r r)$  as a pair of Hankel functions (Ref. [2], [3], [4])



$$J_0(k_r r) = \frac{1}{2} [ H_0^{(1)}(k_r r) + H_0^{(2)}(k_r r) ].$$

Now becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (z, r) = & \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty G(z, z_s; k_r) H_0^{(1)}(k_r r) k_r dk_r \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty G(z, z_s; k_r) H_0^{(2)}(k_r r) k_r dk_r. \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

Two properties of the Hankel functions are now used:

$H_0^{(1)} \rightarrow 0$  for large argument in the first quadrant of the complex plane, and  $H_0^{(2)} \rightarrow 0$  for large argument in the fourth

quadrant. The first integral is evaluated by integrating around the first quadrant, while the second integral is evaluated around the fourth quadrant (Fig 19). The poles of the integral lie on the real axis so the integrals in (5.10) are not well defined. However, the boundary conditions are met only by integrals whose path of integration in the complex plane passes below the poles. The real part of the horizontal wave number,  $k_r$ , represents the propagation of

the wave functions with range. Any imaginary part of  $k_r$  represents an exponential growth or decay of the wave function with range. For  $k_r$  to represent an outgoing wave

(taking into consideration the sign in Eq. (2.8)), any negative imaginary part represents waves which "exponentially grow" with range. Since this is inconsistent with the original restrictions on  $\Psi$ , it is required that



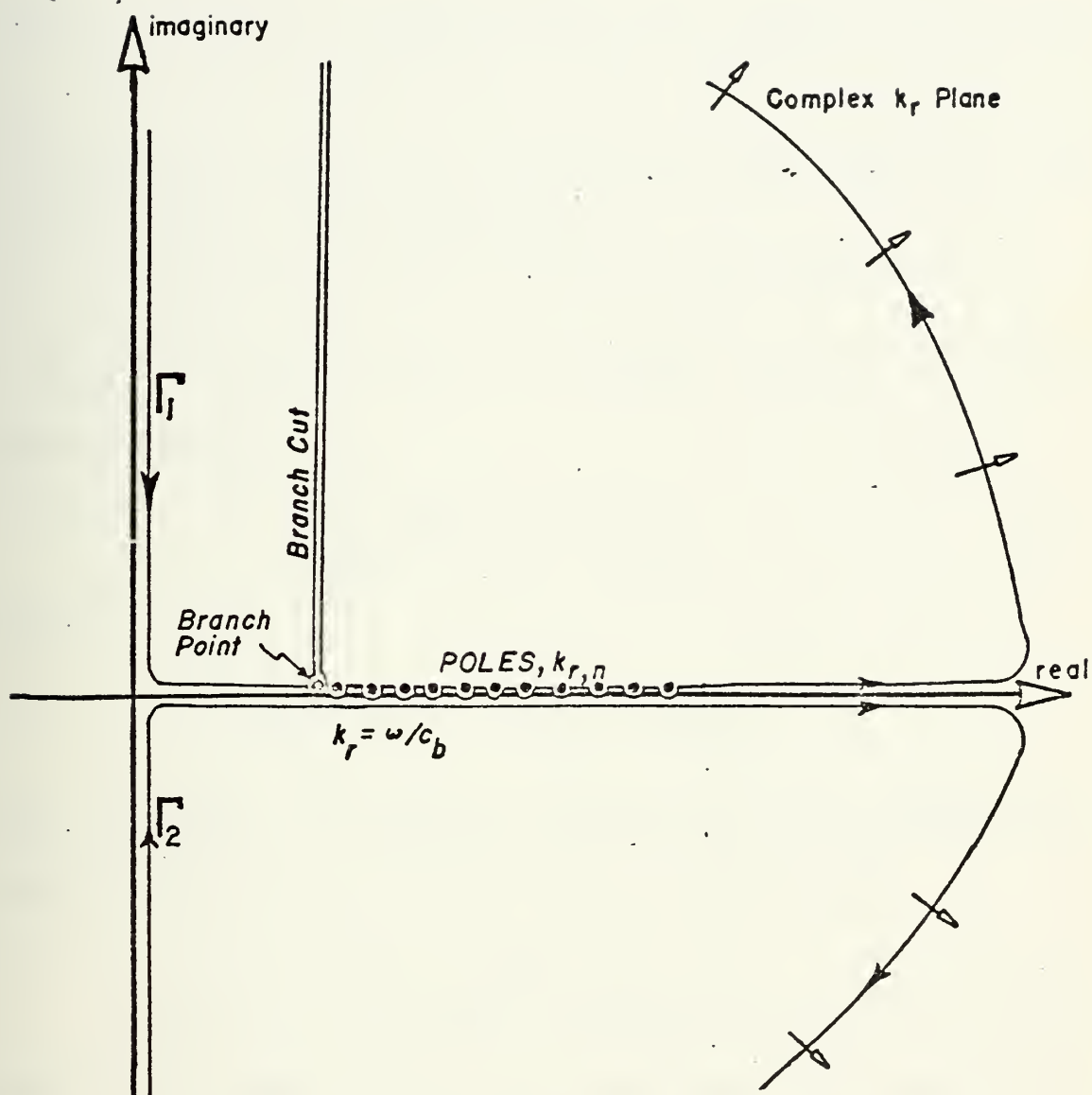


FIGURE 19 - Path of the Hankel Integrals in the Complex  $k_r$  Plane





$\text{Im}(k_r) > 0$ . This is physically appealing because it is equivalent to having a small amount of attenuation. In addition, there is a branch point at  $k_r$  equal to  $\omega/c_b$ , where  $c_b$  is the sound speed in the bottom. However, at long range the associated branch line integral has been found to make an insignificant contribution [5].

The first integral now may be represented by

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_1}^{i\infty} H_0^{(1)}(k_r r) G(k_r) dk_r + \pi i \sum \text{Res}\{H_0^{(1)}(k_r r) G(k_r)\}, \quad (5.11)$$

and the second by

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_2}^0 H_0^{(2)}(k_r r) G(k_r) dk_r. \quad (5.12)$$

Since

$$H_0^{(1)}(ik_r r) = -H_0^{(2)}(-ik_r r)$$

and  $G(z, z_s; k_r)$  is an even function of  $k_r$ , the integrals in equations (5.11) and (5.12) cancel. This leaves

$$(z, r) = +\pi i \sum_1^N \text{Res}\{H_0^{(1)}(k_r r) k_r G(z, z_s; k_r)\}. \quad (5.13)$$

Since the poles of  $G(z, z_s; k_r)$  are simple and occur at the zeros of the Wronskian, the derivative of the Wronskian with respect to  $k_r$  is used to find the values of the residues. Further, since at the zeros of the Wronskian, the two solutions  $U_1(z)$  and  $U_2(z)$  are identical let



$$U_1 = U_2 = U,$$

which yields

$$(z, r) \doteq -2\pi i \sum_{\text{poles}} [H_0^{(1)}(k_r r) U(z) U(z_s) k_r] / W'. \quad (5.14)$$

### 3. Normalization

From the derivative of the Wronskian (Eq. (5.8)) a normalization factor is designated

$$||u^2|| = \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{tl}} k_z^{-1} dz + k_r^{-1} \frac{d}{dk} [\theta_1 + \theta_2]. \quad (5.15)$$

For long range, equation (5.14) can be written (using the asymptotic form of the Hankel function [6])

$$(z, r) \doteq +2 (2\pi)^{1/2} \sum_{\text{poles}} [ (k_r)^{-1/2} \exp\{i(k_r r + \frac{\pi}{4})\} U(z) U(z_s) ] / ||u^2||. \quad (5.16)$$

This use of the WKB approximation in the denominator of the Green's function allows an estimate of the normalization factor,  $||u^2||$ , to be made for the solution. This estimate allows calculation of the eigenfunctions at any particular depth, using only the WKB approximation. It should be noted that the skip distance of an equivalent ray,  $X$ , is approximately equal to the normalization factor divided by the horizontal wave number,

$$\begin{aligned} X &= k_r \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{tl}} k_z^{-1} dz, \\ &= ||u^2|| / k_r. \end{aligned}$$



## B. THE Q FUNCTION

Finally, a function  $Q$  (to be used in the next chapter) is defined

$$Q = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{tl}} k \, dz - \theta_u - \theta_l + \pi \right]. \quad (5.17)$$

From the characteristic equation (2.30) it is at once obvious that the mode eigenvalues correspond to integer values of  $Q$ . Differentiation of  $Q$  with respect to  $k_r$  provides a second form for the normalization factor,

$$||u^2|| = k_r^{-1} \pi \left| dQ / dk_r \right|. \quad (5.18)$$

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## VI. THE MODEL

In this chapter the computer model based upon the preceding theory is described. A later chapter will give a brief description of the actual computer program itself. The model performs five general steps in estimating propagation loss between two points:

1. First the environmental information (sound speed profile, bottom type, etc.) is processed into a form suitable for application of the preceding theory. This involves two major steps: the assumption of a sound speed profile consisting of layers with  $c^{-2}$  varying linearly within each layer; and a division of the profile into regions representing separate mode "families". A detailed description of the family grouping is given below.

2. Next, the eigenvalues are determined by finding those values of the horizontal wave number  $k_r$  which yield

integer values for  $Q$  (defined in Eq. (5.17)). The eigenvalues are found in two steps. First an initial estimation is made with a least squares polynomial estimator; then the eigenvalue is further refined with one to five iterative steps.

3. After determining the eigenvalue for a particular mode,  $k_{r,n}$ , the value of the resulting eigenfunction

$U(z, k_{r,n})$  must be found at the source and receiver depths.

In addition, a value of the eigenfunction normalization factor,  $||u^2||$ , must be estimated (Eq. (5.15) and (5.18)).

4. At this point, a set of functions (the normal





modes) has been defined which gives the depth-dependent behavior of the acoustic field. The next step is to represent the propagation of the modes, giving propagation loss as a function of range. This is done in two steps:

- The modes are attenuated representing losses due to attenuation in the bottom, boundary roughness, and the empirical attenuation of sound in sea water.

- The modes are summed including the coherence effects of the Hankel function of Eq. (5.16).

5. As the range between the source and receiver is increased, the source and receiver sound speed profiles may differ significantly, resulting in different sets of modal eigenfunctions. The transition of acoustic energy between differing environmental domains must now be treated. This is done employing the adiabatic assumption of mode invariance for slow horizontal changes.

## A. MODE FAMILIES

To apply the WKB methods (especially the definition of  $Q$ ) developed in the preceding chapters, the normal modes are divided into separate families based upon their position in the sound speed profile. The sound speed profile is divided into various domains by depth and phase speed (or horizontal wave number), each domain representing a mode family with particular characteristics.

### 1. Definition of Families

If there exists more than one possible combination of upper and lower turning points for a particular  $k_r$  (that is, there is more than one acoustic channel), the definition of  $Q$  becomes ambiguous. The ambiguity in  $Q$ , and the resulting ambiguity of modal eigenvalues, is resolved by



grouping  $Q$  (hence the modes) into separate families depending upon the position of the turning points in the sound speed profile.

In the bilinear profile of Fig 20, for  $k_r$  corresponding to  $c_{p,1}$  the definition of  $Q$  (Eq. (5.17)) may be applied for turning points either between  $z_0$  and  $z_1$  or between  $z_1$  and  $z_b$ . The separate applications represent separate interpretations of  $Q$  and separate families of modes. This profile may be divided into three families. The upper family (I) is limited by  $c_1 \leq c_p \leq c_2$  and  $z_0 \leq z_{tl}, z_{tu} \leq z_1$ . Modes in this family correspond to waves which are refracted at the lower turning point (above  $z_1$ ) and reflected at the surface. The lower family (II) is limited by  $c_3 \leq c_p \leq c_2$  and  $z_1 \leq z_{tu}, z_{tl} \leq z_b$ . Modes in this family represent waves which are refracted at the upper turning point (below  $z_1$ ) and reflected from the bottom at depth  $z_b$ . For phase speeds above  $c_2$  the  $Q$  function and modes are unambiguously defined, and a third family (III) is delineated by  $c_2 \leq c_p \leq c_b$  and  $z_0 \leq z_{tu}, z_{tl} \leq z_b$ . Modes in this family represent waves which are reflected from both the surface and bottom.

For this simple profile three families are delineated by both the local maxima and minima of the sound speed profile, and the surface and bottom boundaries. In a similar manner, a sound speed profile of any complexity can be divided into separate families: for every sound speed maximum two separate families exist with turning points above or below the depth of the sound speed maximum.



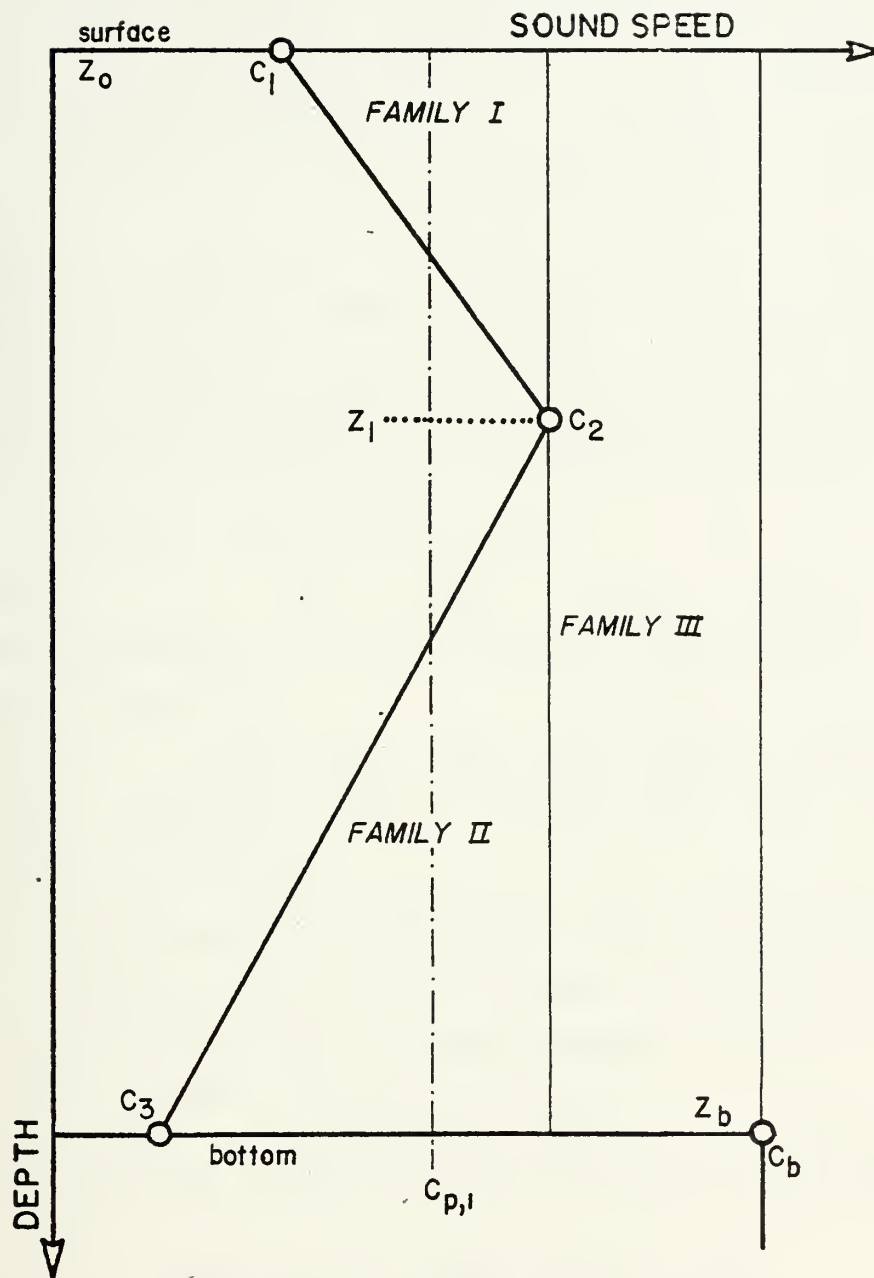


FIGURE 20 - Bilinear Profile Families



## 2. Family Types

The sound profile is divided into separate families for: multiple channels, purely refracted waves, bottom reflected waves and surface reflected waves. Illustrations of the family classifications are given in Fig 21 and Fig 22. The purely refracted modes are divided into four types:

- Type 1 - refracted - refracted (RR). A mode which is refracted at both the upper and lower turning points.

- Type 2 - RR with upper channel. A mode which is refracted at both the upper and lower turning points. In addition, at the minimum  $k_r$  for this family, there is at least one family above it in depth.

- Type 3 - RR with lower channel. A refracted-refracted mode for which there exists at least one family below it.

- Type 4 - RR with upper and lower channels. A refracted - refracted mode for which there exist families both above and below it.

In a similar manner the modes which are refracted at the lower turning point and reflected at the surface (refracted - surface reflected or RSR) are divided into two types:

- Type 5 - RSR with no other channels, and

- Type 6 - RSR with lower families.

The modes which are refracted at the upper turning points and reflected at the bottom (RBR) are also divided into two types:

- Type 7 - RBR with no other channels, and

- Type 8 - RBR with at least one upper channel.

Finally, we have the last family,

- Type 9 - SRBR, modes which are reflected by both the bottom and surface.





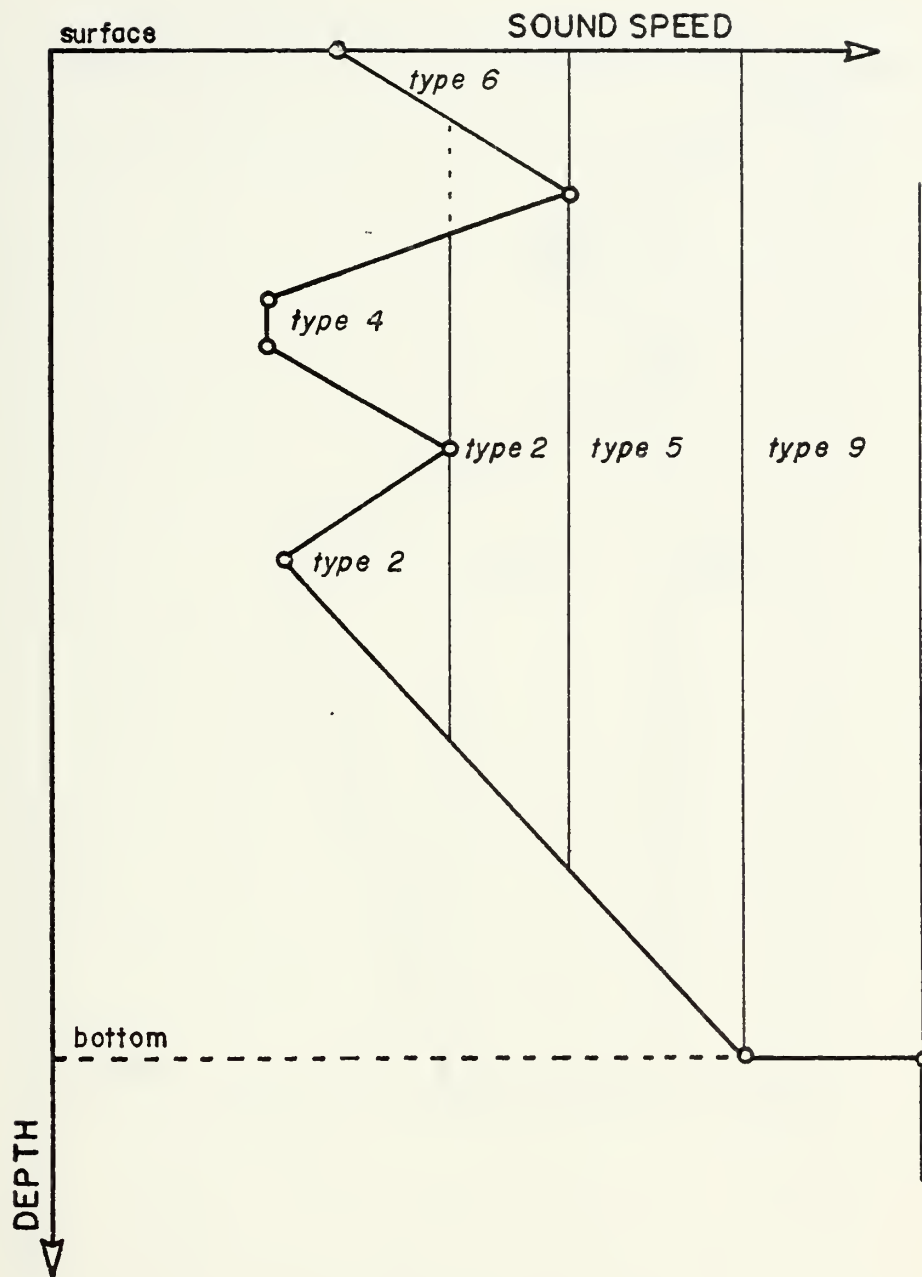


FIGURE 21 - Family Classifications I



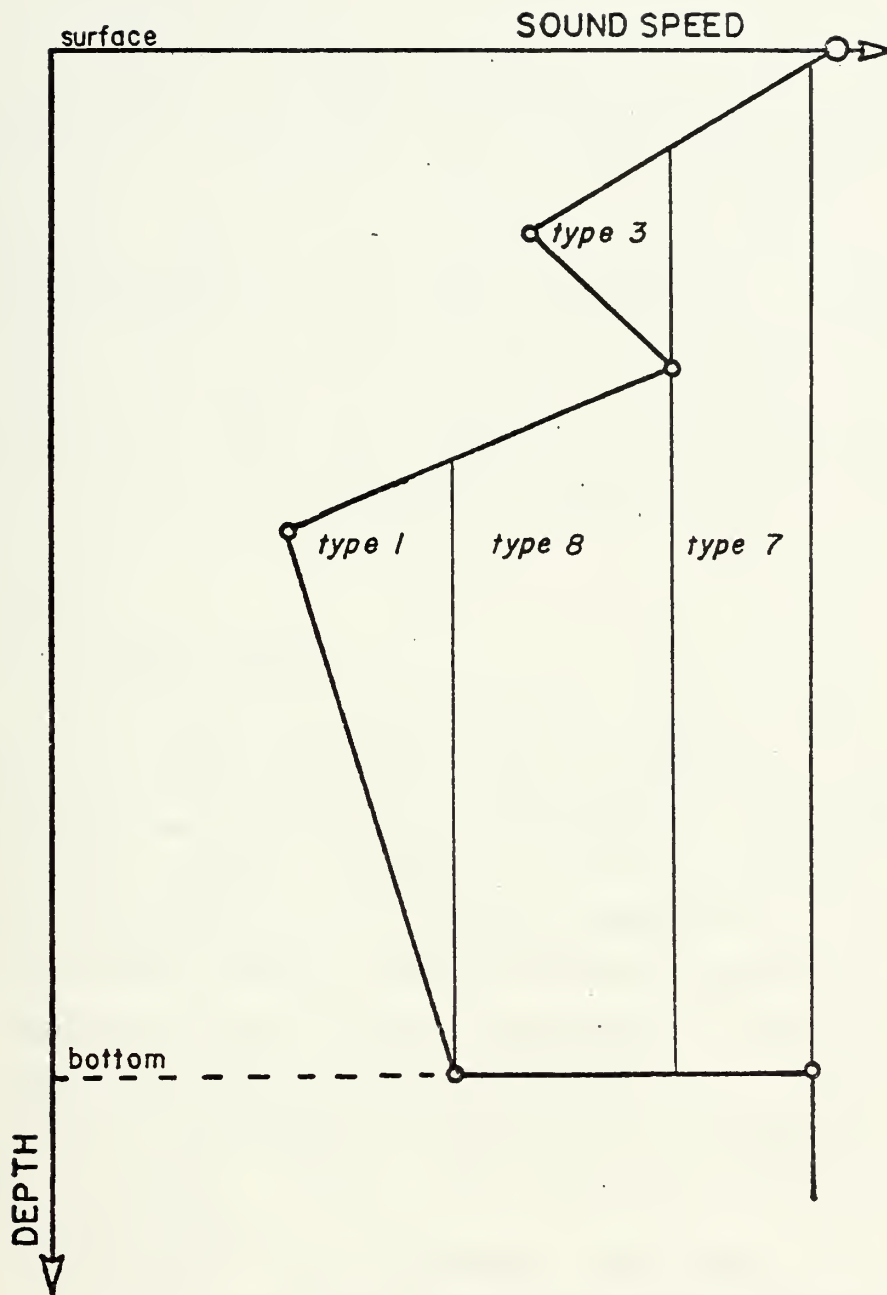


FIGURE 22 - Family Classifications II



### 3. Relationship of Q between Families

#### a. Single Channel

Within a single channel profile, as  $k_r$  changes from one family to the next,  $Q$  is a continuous function of  $k_r$ , since  $\theta_u$ ,  $\theta_l$ , and the integral of the horizontal wave number as functions of  $k_r$  are all continuous. Thus, the upper limit of  $Q(k_r)$  for one family is equal to the lower limit of  $Q(k_r)$  for the next. Although this result may seem obvious, it is not generally observed with a multiple channel profile.

#### b. Double Channel

The WKB methodology used in this model treats the modes in the upper and lower channels of a multiple channel profile as separate and independent phenomena. As long as the barrier between the two channels is of sufficient width this is an accurate assumption; the sound fields in the two channels remain almost independent of each other. However, as the barrier decreases in width, the two sound fields no longer remain independent; the modes in one channel become increasingly coupled to the acoustic field in the other channel. When this occurs the WKB methodology begins to break down.

Consider two families separated by a thin barrier (Fig 23). For modes with phase speed close to the edge of the barrier, the integral of the imaginary vertical wave number across the barrier ( $L$  in Eq. (3.15)) approaches zero. As this occurs, the value of the lower turning point phase angle in the upper channel is perturbed by increasing amounts away from the base value of  $\pi/4$  (Eq. 3.16)). The



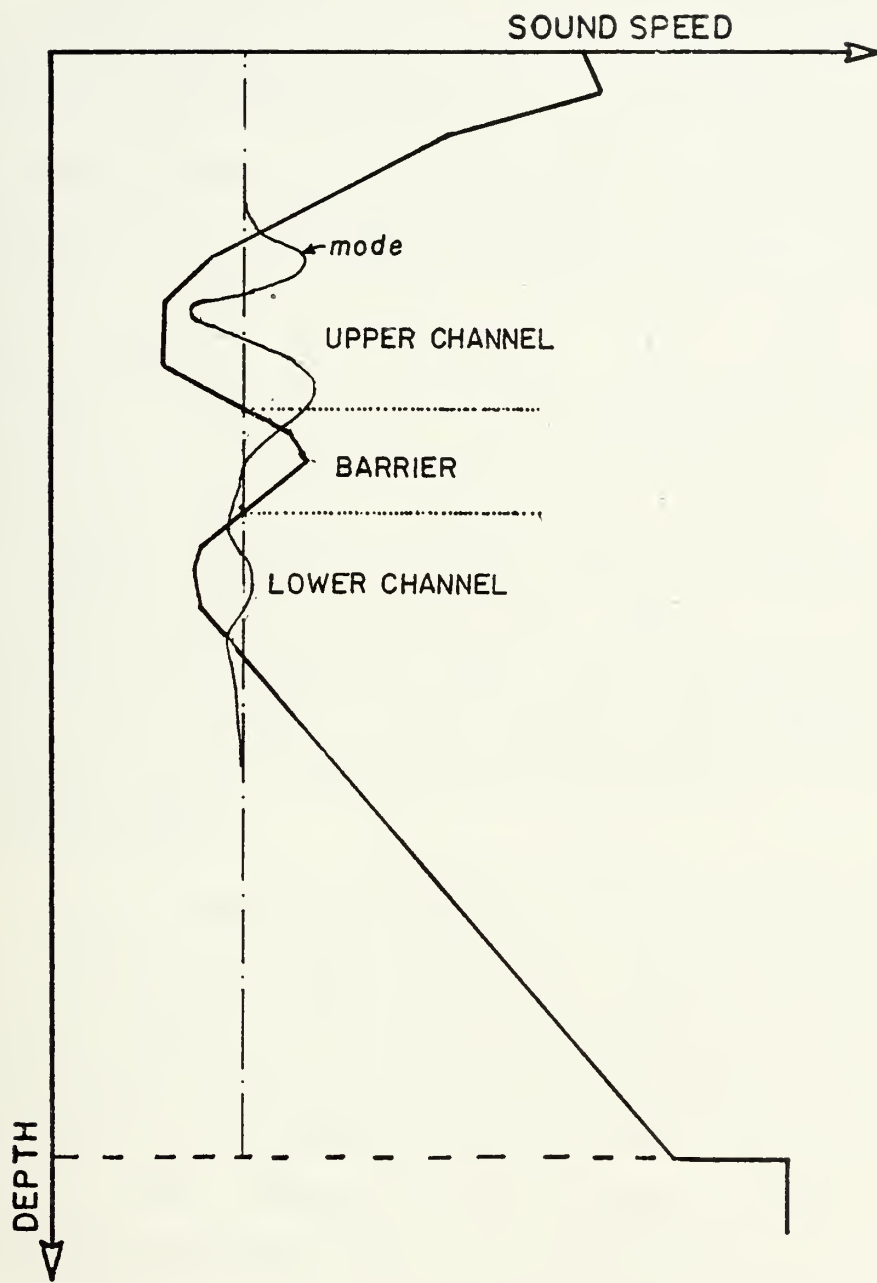


FIGURE 23 - Double Channel with Barrier





size and direction of this perturbation depends upon the oscillatory solution in the lower channel.

If there is a large number of closely spaced modes in the lower channel, the WKB solution at the bottom of the barrier oscillates rapidly as a function of  $k_r$ , which in turn may produce rapid oscillations in the value of the lower phase angle in the upper channel. If, in addition, the integral of  $k_z$  in the upper channel varies slowly with  $k_r$ ,  $Q(k_r)$  changes in character from monotonic to oscillatory. If this happens, it is possible for more than one value of  $k_r$  to satisfy the WKB characteristic equation in the upper channel, and there occurs the possibility of multiple solutions for a particular mode. It should be noted that for profiles based upon actual oceanographic conditions, the integral of the vertical wave number across the channel usually increases rapidly enough to ensure that  $Q(k_r)$  is monotonic.

A second difficulty occurs at the crossover between the two multiple channels and the main channel (Fig 2 ). The  $N$ th mode in the main channel represents the  $N$ th possible solution (in order of increasing phase speed), requiring that exactly  $N-1$  distinct solutions exist at lower phase speeds. The maximum number of modes in each of the upper and lower channels is the largest integer less than the respective maximum  $Q(k_r)$ . The first mode in the main channel is the integer larger than its minimum  $Q$ . Assume  $N$  is the first mode in the main channel; for  $N-1$  solutions to exist at lower phase speeds, the sum of the integer parts of the upper and lower channel maximum  $Q$ 's must be  $N-1$ . For the upper channel, the maximum  $Q$  is



$$Q_I = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_1} k_z dz - \theta_u - \theta_1 + \pi \right];$$

for the lower channel,

$$Q_{II} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{z_2}^{z_{t1}} k_z dz - \theta_2 - \theta_1 + \pi \right],$$

and the minimum  $Q$  of the main channel is

$$Q_{III} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{t1}} k_z dz - \theta_u - \theta_1 + \pi \right].$$

The above expressions for  $Q_I$ ,  $Q_{II}$  and  $Q_{III}$  show that the sum of maximum modes in the upper and lower channels may be equal to  $N-2$ ,  $N-1$  or  $N$ . Thus it is possible for the WKB characteristic equation to have no solution or multiple solutions for a particular mode near the crossover between multiple channel and main channel families. This phenomenon is a mathematical consequence of the fact that near the edge of the barrier, both  $k_z$  and  $\beta$  are sufficiently small to invalidate Eq. (3.17).

This difficulty could be overcome in a number of ways, which include changing the nature of the barrier or using a method other than the WKB method in the region near the barrier edge. If the edge of the barrier is appropriately smoothed so that the derivative of the vertical wave number is proportional to the square of the vertical wave number, the WKB validity criterion will remain satisfied. For this particular model this scheme would be undesirable, as it would require the use of a profile other than the  $c^{-2}$  linear profile. The  $c^{-2}$  profile is used primarily for the rapidity with which the vertical wave number may be integrated. Since integration of the vertical wave number is central to many operations in the WKB method, this integration time is extremely important to the program execution time. Another method to overcome this difficulty



would be the alteration of the barrier connection formulae (Eq. (3.15)) for very small values of the integral  $L$ . A third method would be to modify the integral of the vertical wave number, so that a correction term is applied at depths which fail to meet the WKB validity criteria. Again, this method adds to the execution time required for the integration loop. In the program described in the next chapter the difficulty of a duplicate eigenvalue is overcome by eliminating the duplicate eigenvalue from the main channel. The difficulty of a missing eigenvalue is overcome by assuming the missing eigenvalue to be at the horizontal wave number corresponding to the edge of the barrier.

## B. EIGENVALUE ESTIMATION

Following definition of the mode families, the next step is the determination of the mode eigenvalues.

### 1. The Eigenvalue Search

The search for eigenvalues is done by families, determining those values of the horizontal wave number which most nearly yield integer values of  $Q$ . The eigenvalues are found in three steps: the formation of an initial polynomial estimator; the finding of two values of  $k_r$  which

bracket  $k_{r,n}$ ; then performing successive iterations by the

method of regula falsi. For each family, sample values of  $Q$  as a function of phase speed are found (by integration of the vertical wave number and determination of  $\theta_l$  and  $\theta_u$ ). Through these points a fifth-order polynomial in  $Q(k_r)$ ,  $p(Q)$ , is fitted by the method of least squares. This





polynomial is used to find the first estimate of the horizontal wave number. For long ranges and when considering incoherent transmission loss, this estimate is sufficiently accurate, and the subsequent iterations may be bypassed. Using the derivative of the polynomial estimator,  $p'(n)$ , a second estimate for  $k_{r,n}$  is then sought which, in conjunction with the first, brackets the eigenvalue. From these two estimates which bracket the eigenvalue, the eigenvalue estimate is improved by successive iterations, up to four times (the method of regula falsi [1]).

## 2. Selection of the Estimator

A number of techniques were considered as estimators for  $k_r$  as a function of  $Q$ , including a cubic spline and the least squares polynomial (which was used).

### a. Cubic Spline

The cubic spline fits a piecewise cubic polynomial through a given set of data, resulting in a function continuous through the second derivative. When  $Q(k_r)$  was monotonic and reasonably smooth the spline gave excellent results (in fact, it was exact for certain analytic profiles). In the case of the multiple channel profiles,  $Q(k_r)$  may become irregular and slightly oscillatory in character. In this case an unfortunate combination of sample points will generate a spline which gives estimates of  $k_r$  in the wrong order (Fig 24). The cubic spline was deemed too sensitive to the minor phase effects of the multiple channel modes, and a smoother substitute was sought.





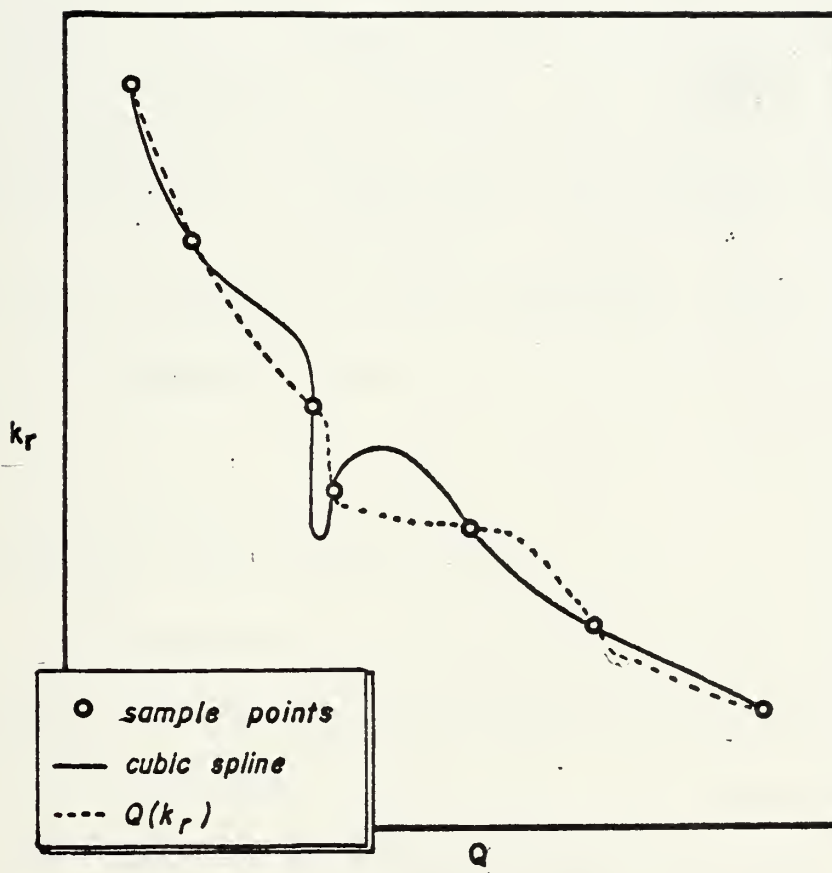


FIGURE 24 - Ill-Conditioned Cubic Spline



## b. Least Squares Polynomial

The problems with the cubic spline led to an estimator which would be insensitive to any small scale oscillation in the data, yet which reliably estimated the general trend of  $Q(k_r)$ . A least squares polynomial algorithm using orthogonal polynomials from the text by Conte and deBoor [2] was selected. To decrease the difficulties near the edges of multiple channel barriers, a weighting was used which de-emphasized the minimum and maximum values of  $Q$  in the families. The polynomial was found to be of sufficient accuracy to provide, in most cases, an estimate accurate to within one part in twenty of the intermode spacing. In addition, the polynomial provides a rapid estimate of the derivative of  $Q(k_r)$  with respect to  $k_r$ ; this result is useful in later iteration steps and in normalizing the eigenfunctions.

## C. CALCULATION OF THE EIGENFUNCTION

After the eigenvalue  $k_{r,n}$  is determined, the next step is to calculate and normalize the eigenfunction  $U_n(z)$  at the source and receiver depths,  $z_s$  and  $z_r$ . To determine the eigenfunction, one of the three solutions developed in the theory chapters (the WKB and Airy solutions), or a function extrapolated from the known solutions is used.

### 1. Assumed Solutions

At the receiver and source depths, the Airy and WKB validity criteria,  $F_w$  and  $F_a$ , are evaluated. If a WKB or



Airy solution is a good approximation, the eigenfunction is determined in two steps.

- The coefficients for the WKB solutions,  $a_o$ ,  $b_o$ ,  $c_o$ , and  $d_o$  are determined for each ensonified and shadow zone region, using the values of the upper and lower turning point phase angles  $\theta_u$  and  $\theta_l$ .

- If the WKB solution is a good approximation, the integral of the vertical wave number from the upper or lower turning point to the source or receiver depth is determined, and the eigenfunction is evaluated using Eq. (2.22) or (2.26).

- If the Airy solution is a good approximation, the Airy coefficients,  $A_o$  and  $B_o$ , are determined from the connection formulae (Eq. (3.13)); the variable  $x$  is calculated; and the Airy solution is evaluated with Eq. (3.5).

## 2. Spliced Solution

If neither the Airy or WKB solution is a good approximation at the desired depth, a finite difference technique is used to extrapolate the eigenfunction from the two accurate WKB or Airy solutions above and below the desired depth. A search is made from the desired depth to find the nearest depths above and below,  $z_a$  and  $z_b$ , for which either the Airy or WKB forms are good approximations (Fig 25). At these depths  $U(z_a)$  and  $U(z_b)$  and their derivatives with respect to depth,  $U'_a$  and  $U'_b$ , are calculated. The depth interval between  $z_a$  and  $z_b$  is divided into (up to 100) equal increments,  $z_i$ , and a solution is



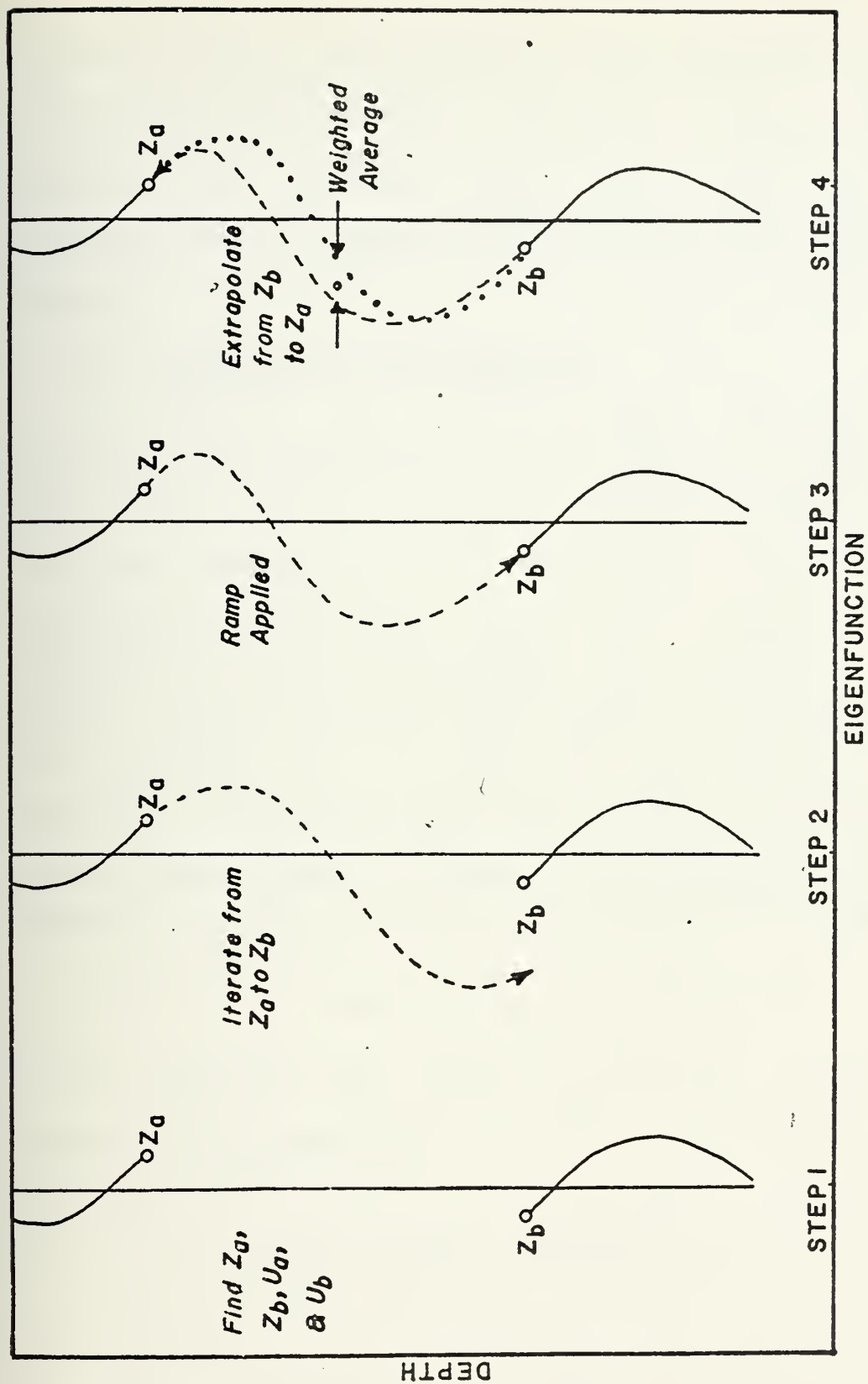


FIGURE 25 - The Splicing Technique





iterated from  $z_a$  to  $z_b$  using a finite difference equation. The extrapolated function is normalized to  $U(z_b)$ ; then the procedure is repeated from  $z_b$  to  $z_a$ . The final eigenfunction is a weighted average of the two extrapolated functions.

### 3. Eigenfunction Normalization

Based on the preceding theory, two methods of normalizing the eigenfunctions are available: evaluation of the integral of Eq. (5.15); or estimating  $dQ/dk_r$  from the polynomial estimator to use in Eq (5.18). In the case of an eigenfunction for which there are no upper or lower channels, Eq. (5.15) is evaluated. When an upper or lower channel exist at the same phase speed as the eigenfunction, the evaluation of the terms for  $\theta_u'$  and  $\theta_l'$  becomes difficult to evaluate across the barrier. In this case the normalization factor is evaluated with the derivative of the eigenvalue estimation polynomial, and Eq (5.18) becomes

$$||u^2|| = |k_r^{-1} \frac{dQ}{dk_r}| = c_{p,n} k_{r,n}^{-2} (p'(Q))^{-1}.$$

In the sections that follow,  $u_n(z)$  will represent the normalized eigenfunction,

$$u_n(z) = U_n(z) / (||u^2||)^{1/2}.$$

### D. TRANSMISSION LOSS

The object of this model is the calculation of



transmission loss between some fixed location and a second location which varies in range from the first. Inspection of the equations used herein will reveal complete symmetry with respect to the source and receiver locations. Thus the labelling of source and receiver locations is completely arbitrary, irrespective of which location may in fact be the site of generation of acoustic energy (the principle of acoustic reciprocity). Accordingly, in what follows the source location refers to the location which is fixed in space, and the receiver refers to the location which varies in range.

### 1. Coherent Transmission Loss

The transmission loss is defined by

$$TL = 10 \log_{10} |P_o^2 / P_r^2|, \quad (6.3)$$

where  $P_o$  and  $P_r$  are the acoustic pressures at unit distance and range  $r$ , respectively. Since the density of seawater is assumed constant, and the velocity potential has been normalized to one at unit distance, Eq. (6.3) reduces to

$$TL = -10 \log_{10} |\Phi|^2. \quad (6.4)$$

At this point the effects of attenuation of the individual modes due to absorption of sound in seawater, bottom absorption, and scattering at the bottom and surface must be included. At frequencies below 1000 Hz, the absorption coefficient is given by the empirical equation [3]

$$\alpha = .125 f^2, \quad (6.5)$$

where  $\alpha$  is in decibels per nautical mile, and  $f$  is in kHz. This term, the effects of absorption of sound in the bottom, and effects of bottom and surface scattering will be



combined into a single term,  $D_n$ , defined in a later section. With this attenuation term, a mode pressure term is defined

$$P_n = (k_r)^{-1/2} u_n(z_s) u_n(z_r) \exp(-D_n r); \quad (6.6)$$

Eq. (6.4) may be re-written

$$TL = -10 \log_{10} \left[ \sum_n P_n \cos(k_{r,n} r) \right]^2 + \left[ \sum_n P_n \sin(k_{r,n} r) \right]^2. \quad (6.7)$$

## 2. Averaged Transmission Loss

The transmission loss of Eq. (6.7) is the sum of acoustic energy in each mode plus the effects of interference between modes. The resulting transmission loss is characterized by fluctuations with range, the rapidity of which depends upon the differences between the eigenvalues

$$\Delta r_{n,m} = 2\pi / \Delta k_{r,n,m},$$

where  $\Delta r_{n,m}$  is the range of the fluctuation and

$$\Delta k_{r,n,m} = (k_{r,n} - k_{r,m}). \quad (6.9)$$

For adjacent modes ( $n=m\pm 1$ ),  $\Delta k_{r,n,m}$  depends upon the gross features of the sound speed profile. For widely separated modes the difference between eigenvalues becomes dependent upon the smaller details of the sound speed profile. Thus due to irregularities in the medium and the inaccuracies of the model, the higher values of  $\Delta k_{r,n,m}$  are estimated with less confidence, and the more rapid fluctuations (especially at longer ranges) are not considered an exact representation of the sound field. These rapid fluctuations can be



smoothed by filtering the mode interference wave numbers corresponding to the shorter wavelength fluctuations

$$\Delta k_{r,n,m} > 2\pi / \lambda_s.$$

A running average, which is a window in range space, represents a filter in wave number space. Thus a running average of the acoustic pressure squared term, optionally weighted with a Gaussian filter, is used to give an averaged transmission loss figure. The Gaussian filter was selected since the Gaussian weighting function in range transforms to a Gaussian weighting function in wave number space, allowing a smooth roll-off from long wavelength to short wavelength fluctuations. This physically corresponds to the elimination of the finer details of the sound speed profile as contributors to the calculated acoustic field.

### 3. Incoherent Transmission Loss

At long range ("long" depends upon the acoustic frequency and the inhomogeneities in the ocean), the coherent interference effects lose significance and the incoherent acoustic pressure (representing an RMS sum of the energy in the modes) becomes the most useful estimate for the acoustic field. Accordingly, incoherent transmission loss is defined

$$TLI = -10 \log_{10} \sum_m p_m^2. \quad (6.10)$$

## E. MULTIPLE PROFILE PROPAGATION

In the preceding sections no horizontal variation in both sound speed and bottom depth has been assumed. Within one locale (at sub-kilohertz frequencies) this assumption





can be fairly accurate. However, as sound propagation over greater ranges is considered, markedly differing oceanic regimes are encountered, and this assumption becomes untenable. Thus the long range sound propagation model must include the effects of changes in the sound speed structure with range.

### 1. Adiabatic Assumption

To incorporate horizontal change the so-called adiabatic assumption is invoked, namely: the energy in any particular mode stays within that mode. The assumptions involved may be more explicitly stated. To paraphrase Tolstoy and Clay [4]:

- The eigenfunctions and eigenvalues are dependent upon the local stratification.
- The acoustic medium varies slowly with range.
- There is no cross coupling between different modes in the transition between profiles.
- There is no back reflection of acoustic energy at the transition between profiles.

### 2. Adiabatic Transition Range

Milder has shown that the accuracy of the adiabatic assumption decreases with increasing frequency and horizontal gradients of  $k^2$  [5]. If  $u_m^{(a)}$  and  $u_n^{(b)}$  are adjacent modes ( $n \neq m$ ), Milder shows the adiabatic assumption is a good approximation if

$$(kX) \times \left\{ \int_{z_u}^{z_t} u_m^{(a)} \frac{d}{dr} (k^2) u_n^{(b)} dz \right\} / k^2 \ll 4\pi^2, \quad (6.11)$$

where  $X$  is the skip distance for an equivalent ray. Milder's equations may be extended to estimate an order of magnitude transition range required for an adiabatic change



between two profiles. If the magnitude of the integral in Eq. (6.11) is estimated by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{z_{tu}}^{z_{tl}} u_m^{(a)} \frac{d}{dz} (k^2) u_n^{(b)} dz \\ & \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \left| \frac{d(k^2)}{dz} \right| dz = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\Delta r} |\Delta k^2| dz, \end{aligned} \quad (6.12)$$

and an expression for  $\Delta r$ , the distance required between the two profiles for an adiabatic change to occur, is found

$$\Delta r \gg \frac{1}{k^2} \left| \frac{d(k^2)}{dz} \right| dz / (4/2 \pi^2). \quad (6.13)$$

This transition range is calculated by the program and printed out as a guide to the applicability of the adiabatic assumption.

### 3. Transmission Loss

Since the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues are assumed to be characteristic of the local profile, the source and receiver mode excitation is expressed in terms of the eigenfunctions at the source and receiver,  $u_n^{(s)}$  and  $u_n^{(r)}$

respectively. Defining

$$K_n(r) = \int_0^r k_{r,n} dr, \quad (6.14)$$

and

$$\bar{D}_n(r) = \int_0^r D_n dr, \quad (6.15)$$

the adiabatic mode pressure term is derived,

$$\bar{P}_m = 2 [2 \pi / K_m(r)]^{1/2} u_m^{(s)} u_m^{(r)} \exp[-\bar{D}_m(r)]. \quad (6.16)$$

This gives the transmission loss for the multiple profile case:



$$TL = -10 \log_{10} \left[ \sum_n \bar{P}_n \cos(K_n(r)) \right]^2 + \left[ \sum_m \bar{P}_m \sin(K_m(r)) \right]^2. \quad (6.17)$$

#### 4. Mode Matching

Multiple profile propagation using the adiabatic assumption requires the matching of modes between profiles. In previous works this has been done by numbering the modes in order of increasing phase speed. This is always correct for the single channel profile, in which the mode order is always invariant. However, with multiple channel profiles this procedure may yield physically unreasonable results.

Consider two sound speed profiles with two near symmetric channels, and six modes (Fig 26). Since the upper channel is slightly "deeper", the modes in this channel occur at a lower phase speed than the corresponding modes in the lower channel. Thus, in terms of overall order, the odd-numbered modes represent acoustic energy trapped in the upper channel and the even numbered modes represent acoustic energy trapped in the lower channel. Slowly alter the profile so that the lower channel becomes slightly "deeper" than the upper; and the modes in the lower channel precede the modes in the upper channel. Matching modes by overall order would, in this case, couple all the modes in the upper channel with modes in the lower channel, and vice versa - a physically implausible event. In matching between profiles, not only mode order, but mode families must also be taken into account.

Assume again the profile changes slowly, this time so that both upper and lower channels become "shallower" (Fig 27). Two modes appear in each of the upper and lower sub-channels, and two modes appear in the main channel. It is not clear which of the new modes in the main channel corresponds to the missing last modes from the upper channel



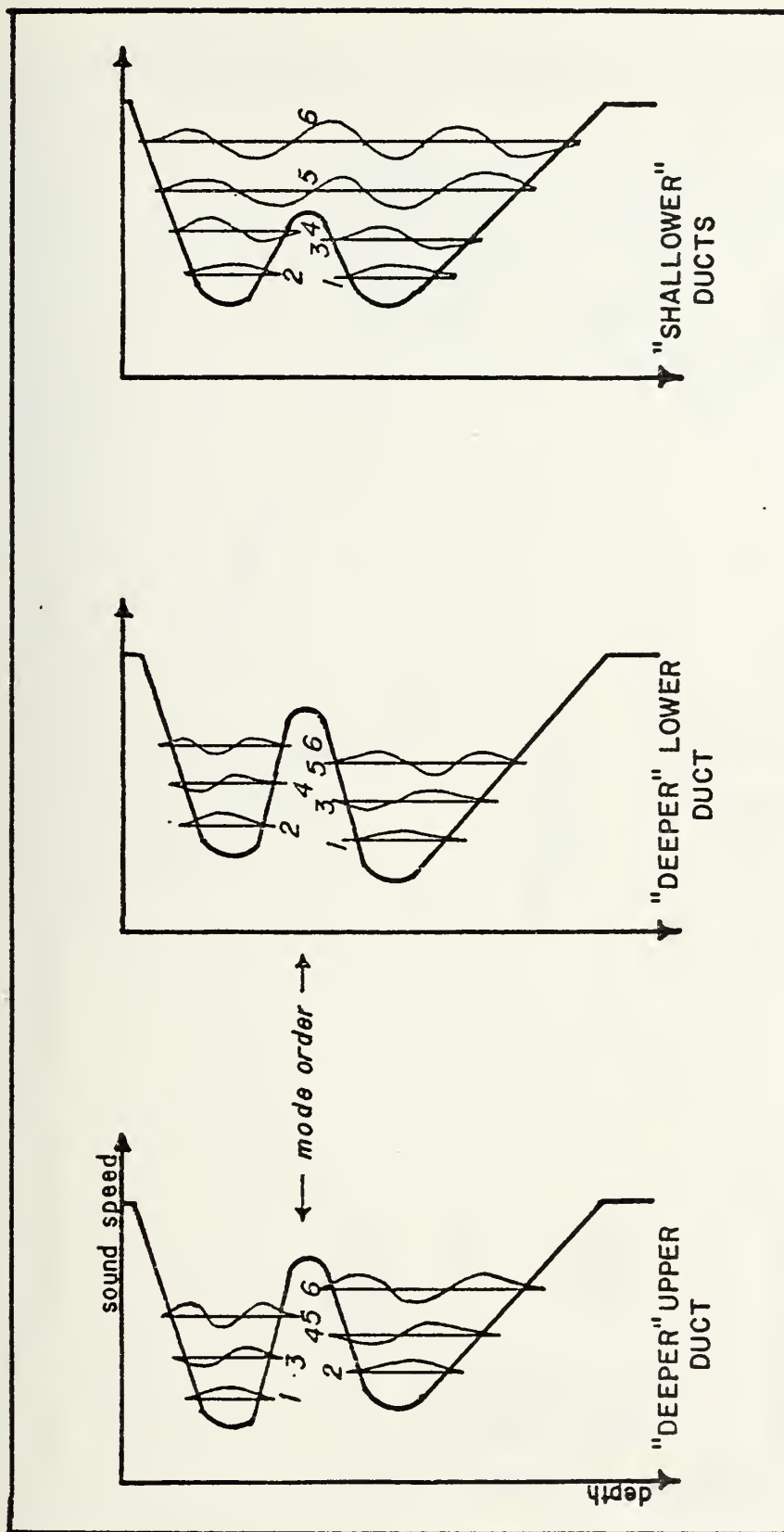


FIGURE 26 - Two Near Symmetric Channels with Modes





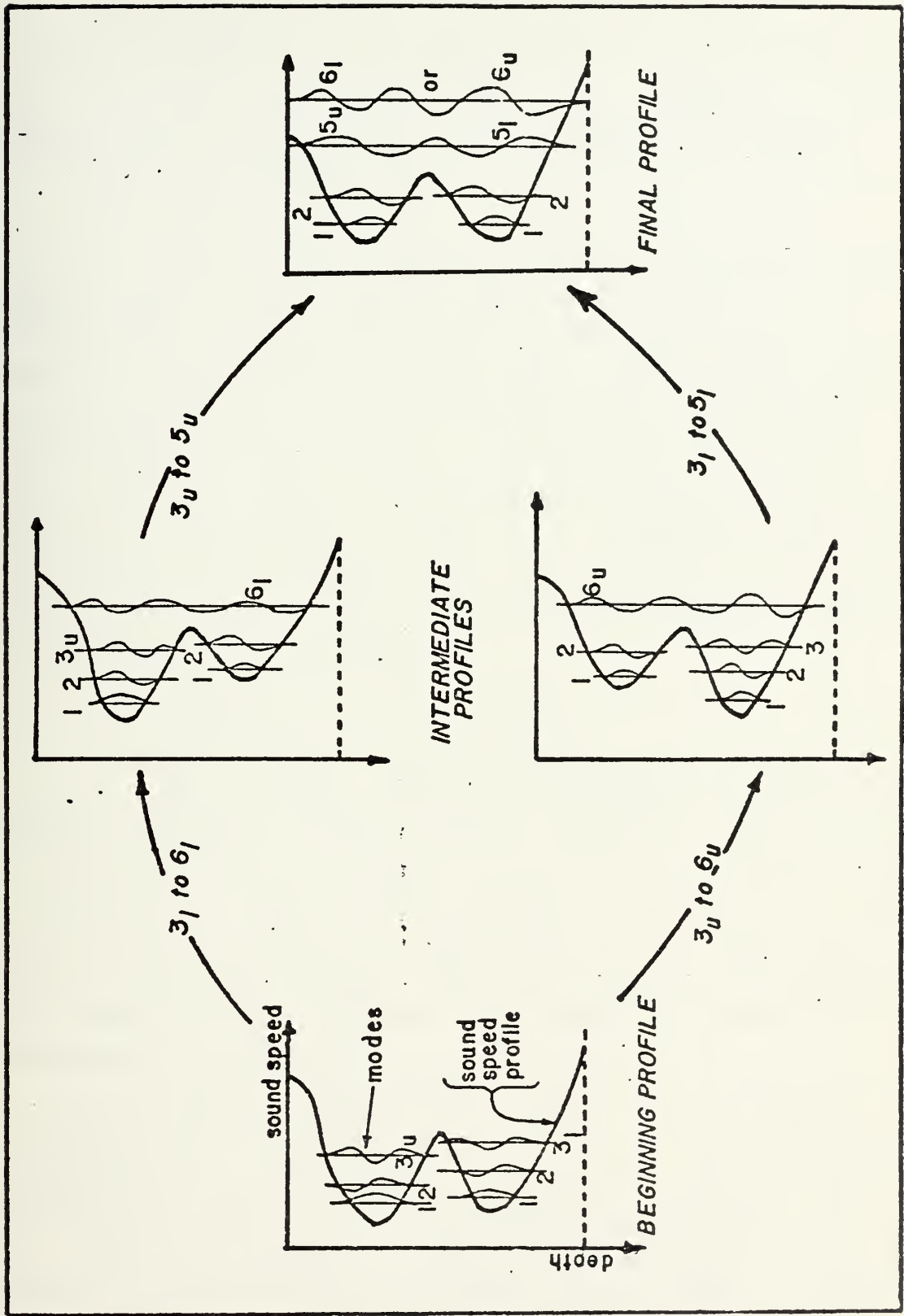


FIGURE 27 - Cross Channel Transitions



and lower channel respectively. In fact it is not clear that the transition from one family type to another is an adiabatic process [6]. Clearly some consideration must be made for the uncertainties of mode transition between channels. The matching of modes proceeds in two steps.

a. Same Channel

Modes within the same channel of the sound speed profile (main, upper, middle, lower or surface ducts) are matched first. This is done by searching the modes for both profiles in order of increasing phase speed (lowest modes first), matching modes with the same mode number and in the same channel. In most cases, this provides a match for nearly all the modes. If one profile has fewer modes than the other, the highest modes are truncated, physically corresponding to leakage into the bottom. At this point almost all (all in the case of the single channel profile) of the modes have been matched.

b. Cross-Channel Transitions

The second step is the matching of modes which undergo a transfer between different channels. The results of such a transfer of acoustic energy depend upon the manner in which the sound speed profile changes with range. Consider the transfer of modes from both an upper and lower channel into a main channel (Fig 27). Such a transfer could take place in two hypothetical steps, the order of which determines the outcome.

First, assume that the lower channel becomes "shallower" and the last mode in the bottom channel is adiabatically transferred to the main channel. Subsequently, the upper channel becomes shallower, and the last mode in the upper channel is transferred to the main channel. In this case, the lowest numbered mode in the main channel corresponds to the last upper channel mode and the second main channel mode corresponds to the last lower



channel mode. If the order in which the channels are perturbed is reversed, the order of mode transfer and the mode correspondence is reversed.

Since the only information available is the two sound speed profiles, this situation results in an uncertainty in the matching of modes between profiles. (This uncertainty is analogous to the uncertainty pointed out by Smith [7] for adiabatic ray coupling between profiles.) A similar uncertainty occurs when more than one mode is transferred from an upper or lower sub-channel to another sub-channel. Given exact information concerning the sound speed profile changes with range, the uncertainty can be resolved by computing the cross-coupling between modes. Milder has given the equations for the calculation of cross coupling between modes. However, these equations involve the inner product integral of Eq. (6.11), and the evaluation of this integral is both ill-suited to the WKB solutions used in this model, and too costly in terms of program size and execution time. Accordingly, a simpler formalism, similar to that used by Smith for ray-tracing, is required to extend the adiabatic assumption to the case of multiple channel profiles. Thus the following rules are asserted to govern the transfer of modes between channels:

1. The total energy in the modes is conserved

$$\sum_n^2 u_n^2(z_s) \big|_{\text{profile 1}} = \sum_n^2 u_n^2(z_s) \big|_{\text{profile 2}} \quad (6.18)$$

2. If no uncertainty exists, that is if a transfer between a main channel and only one sub-channel is involved, the transfer will be assumed to be adiabatic and the modes matched by increasing phase speed.
3. If an uncertainty does exist, the energy of the modes involved is combined and then is divided evenly among the modes.



In physical terms these rules state that the mode transfers between channels which involve no uncertainty are considered adiabatic. When an uncertainty does exist, the exact nature of the mode transition between profiles is undetermined, and the mode energy is spread among all the modes undergoing a similar transition. Although imposed as a result of the lack of information about the exact process taking place, the physical consequence is not unrealistic.

## F. BOTTOM MODELS

In the preceding theory the boundary condition at the bottom was represented by the parameter  $\mu$ . In this section the various bottom models are developed which give expressions for both  $\mu$  and the mode attenuation due to bottom absorption and surface and bottom roughness.

### 1. Full Fluid Bottom

The most commonly-used bottom model (in normal mode calculations) is a fluid half-space of density  $\rho_b$ . At the ocean bottom the condition of continuity of acoustic pressure and vertical particle velocity (Eq. (2.14) c and d) are imposed. The solution,  $U_b$ , to the vertical Helmholtz equation in the bottom may be represented by the WKB exponential solution (Eq. (2.26)). With application of the continuity conditions, and requiring that the solution decay at great depth,

$$U_b(z) = \rho_o / \rho_b U_b(z_b) \exp[-\beta_b (z - z_b)], \quad (6.19)$$

where

$$\beta_b = [k_r^2 - \omega^2 / c_b^2]^{1/2}. \quad (6.20)$$





Thus the full fluid boundary condition is written

$$\mu = -\rho_o / \rho_b \beta_b. \quad (6.21)$$

The derivative of  $\mu$  with respect to the horizontal wave number is required for the evaluation of  $\theta_1'$  in Eq. (4.19),

$$\mu' = -2 (\rho_o k_r) / (\rho_b \beta_b). \quad (6.22)$$

Given an attenuation coefficient,  $\alpha_b$ , for the bottom material such that

$$\alpha_b \ll k_r,$$

the mode attenuation due to the effects of an absorptive bottom may be estimated by [8]

$$\alpha_m = \alpha_b \rho_b \int_{z_b}^{\infty} U_b^2 dz / [\rho_o \int_0^{z_b} U^2 dz + \rho_b \int_{z_b}^{\infty} U_b^2 dz]. \quad (6.23)$$

The denominator of the above expression is related to the normalization factor,  $||u^2||$ , by

$$||u^2|| = 2 [\rho_o \int_0^{z_b} U^2 dz + \rho_b \int_{z_b}^{\infty} U_b^2 dz]. \quad (6.24)$$

Substituting and integrating the solution in the bottom, the mode attenuation coefficient may be written,

$$\alpha_m = \alpha_b (\rho_o U^2(z_b)) / (\rho_b \beta_b ||u^2||). \quad (6.25)$$

## 2. Rigid Bottom

The rigid or impenetrable bottom requires that the vertical particle velocity vanish at the bottom, or

$$\mu = 0, \quad (6.26)$$



and

$$\mu' = 0. \quad (6.27)$$

Since the acoustic wave does not penetrate the bottom, it is unaffected by the bottom material, and the rigid bottom is considered lossless,

$$\alpha_m = 0. \quad (6.28)$$

### 3. The Modified Fluid and Rigid Bottoms

In the modified fluid and rigid bottoms, the effective bottom losses are estimated by input bottom loss vs grazing angle data. The boundary condition at the bottom,  $\mu$ , is calculated in the same manner as the full fluid and rigid cases. Given the bottom reflection loss per bounce, BL (in decibels), as a function of grazing angle, the attenuation coefficient per unit range can be written,

$$\alpha_m = -2.302585 \text{ BL} / (20X), \quad (6.29)$$

where X is the inter-bounce or skip distance.

### 4. Bottom and Surface Roughness

Terms are included in the mode attenuation for scattering due to a rough surface and bottom. From Tolstoy and Clay [9] an expression for mode attenuation due to an irregular boundary is used for the surface

$$\alpha_s = 2k_z^2 S^2 / X, \quad \text{for } 2k_z^2 S^2 \ll 1 \quad (6.30)$$

where S is the surface roughness. Similarly, for the bottom

$$\alpha_b = 2k_z^2 B^2 / X, \quad \text{for } 2k_z^2 B^2 \ll 1, \quad (6.31)$$

where B is the bottom roughness. The total mode attenuation is the sum of the attenuations due to bottom and



surface roughness, bottom absorption, and the absorption of sound in seawater,

$$D_m = \alpha_m + \alpha_b + \alpha_s + \alpha. \quad (6.32)$$

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## VII. THE PROGRAM

This chapter contains a description of the computer program, QMODE, which implements the model. The description, which includes a summary of the main program and subprograms, is intended primarily for the user. QMODE is written in IBM FORTRAN IV(G), and was developed on the Naval Postgraduate School IBM 360/67 computer. The total program size (including object code, storage, and IO buffers) is 150K eight-bit bytes (170K for offline plotting).

### A. MAIN PROGRAM

The main program is executed by runs and profiles. A new run is started for each new source location; successive profiles within a run represent a succession of sound conditions with range.

The input data are read using the NAMELIST feature of IBM FORTRAN, which allows the setting of a large number of default values to be optionally overridden by the user. The profile is listed in a vector PROFIL which can be tabulated in one of two basic forms:

- Depth vs sound speed pairs (listed in either meters or feet).
- Triplets of depth (in either meters or feet), temperature (in either degrees Fahrenheit or Celsius), and salinity.

The profile is then transformed into values of depth vs. sound speed in meters by using the appropriate conversion factors and Wilson's equations for the speed of sound in seawater [1]. If the last sound speed profile point is





shallower than a designated depth (DEPTH), the profile is extended to the bottom in an isohaline, isothermal gradient of  $0.017 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . Next the values of  $k$  and  $k^2$  for each depth point, and the values of  $\gamma$  (Eq. (2.2)) for the layers between depth points are calculated.

Calls to three subroutines complete the preparations for calculating the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions. A call to BOTSET sets the parameters required for calculation of the bottom boundary condition,  $\mu$ , and the mode attenuation coefficients. The subroutine BCSET sets parameters for the calculation of the upper and lower turning point phase angles,  $\theta_u$  and  $\theta_l$ . Next a maximum of ten families are found, and their characteristics listed by the subroutine FINFAM.

At this point the calculation of the modes begins in two nested loops: a family loop and a mode loop. For each family a sample set of  $c_p$  and the corresponding values of  $Q(k_r)$  are found by the the subroutine QFIND. A fifth order least squares polynomial,  $p(Q)$ , is then formed through the sample points by the subroutine ORTPOL.

Within the mode loop, first the eigenvalues are found; then the eigenfunctions and mode parameters calculated. The first estimate of a particular eigenvalue,  $k_{r,n}$ , is found by calling the polynomial estimator ORTGET, which returns an estimate of  $c_{p,n}$  for a given  $Q$ ,

$$c_{p,n}^{(1)} = p(Q=n),$$



giving the first estimate of the horizontal wave number,

$$k_{r,n}^{(1)} = \omega / c_{p,n}^{(1)},$$

for which a corresponding value of  $Q$  is found,

$$Q_{r,n}^{(1)} = Q(k_{r,n}^{(1)}).$$

The second estimate of  $k_{r,n}$  is then sought which will "overshoot" the eigenvalue (to have two estimates which bracket the eigenvalue). The subroutine ORTGET also provides an estimate of the derivative of  $Q$  with respect to  $k_r$ ,

$$dQ/dk_r = -c_p (p'(Q))^{-1};$$

then, using a relaxation factor  $F_r$  to "overshoot" the eigenvalue, the second guess is found,

$$k_{r,n}^{(2)} = k_{r,n}^{(1)} + F_r (Q_{r,n}^{(1)} - n) dQ/dk_r.$$

$F_r$  is initially set at  $\sqrt{2}$  and expanded by powers of  $\sqrt{2}$  until a value for  $k_{r,n}^{(2)}$  is found for which,

$$(Q(k_{r,n}^{(2)}) - n) * (Q(k_{r,n}^{(1)}) - n) < 0.$$

Once two bracketing values are found, the iteration continues using the method of regula falsi until one of two conditions is met: a value of  $Q$  within 0.0005 of the integer  $n$  is found; or a total of five iterations have been made. Once the eigenvalue  $k_{r,n}$  has been found, a number of mode parameters are then calculated and stored for later



use. These include:  $k_{r,n}$  (KRVEC), mode order (MODENO, MORDR2), the mode number (MODEN), relative position in the sound profile (IBRN2), the skip distance (SKPDIS), and  $Q(k_{r,n})$  (QN). The subroutine EIGFUN calculates the value of the eigenfunctions at the source and receiver depths. The eigenfunctions are then normalized, completing the mode and family loops.

If the current profile is the continuation of a multiple profile run, the current mode set is matched with the source location modes by the subroutine MATCH. The subroutine PLOSS calculates the transmission loss from the range RSTART to RSTOP in increments of DELR. If the next profile is to be a continuation of the same run, two subroutines are called to prepare for the continuation. The subroutine PLSET attenuates the source eigenfunctions and keeps a running sum of  $K_n(r)$  (KRRV); subroutine SWAP keeps track of the matching parameters. If, on the other hand, the next profile is the beginning of a new run, the default parameters are re-set. The input data are then read for the next profile and the main program sequence begins again.

## B. SUBPROGRAMS

### 1. BOTSET

The subroutine BOTSET selects the bottom type (IBT), sets parameters for the calculation of the bottom boundary parameter,  $\mu$ , and the mode attenuation. The functions EMU and EMUP compute  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  as a function of  $k_r$ . The function DECAY computes the mode attenuation as a function of the bottom type and characteristics, bottom roughness



(BOTRUF) and surface roughness (WAVEHT). If the modified fluid or the modified rigid bottom models are selected, DECAY linearly interpolates the bottom loss values from input data of bottom loss vs grazing angle.

## 2. BCSET

The subroutine BCSET divides the bottom and surface boundary conditions into phase speeds based upon the values of the Airy and WKB validity factors,  $F_a$  and  $F_w$ , versus the parameters KALIM and KWLIM. For the surface boundary the WKB forms are used at phase speeds below CP3 and above CP1; and the Airy forms are used at phase speeds between CP1 and CP2. For the bottom boundary the WKB forms are used at phase speeds below CP7 and above CP4; the Airy forms are used at phase speeds between CP5 and CP6. For the "gaps" between these phase speeds (two at the bottom boundary, one at the surface), third-order polynomials are formed to provide continuous functions for  $\theta_u$  and  $\theta_l$ . The subroutines SBC and BBC calculate the values of  $\theta_u$  and  $\theta_l$  as functions of  $k_r$ . In order to distinguish between multi-channel families, a minimum or maximum family depth is required for SBC and BBC respectively. When the parameter JP is set to -1 the subroutines also calculate values for  $\theta'_u$  and  $\theta'_l$ .

## 3. FINFAM

The subroutine FINFAM defines each mode family by checking for family boundaries at the surface and bottom sound speeds, and each relative sound speed maximum. Two arrays are used to store the parameters for each family: maximum  $k_r$ , minimum  $k_r$ , minimum Q, and maximum Q (in FAM); and minimum depth grid, maximum depth grid, family type and





relative position in the sound speed profile (in IFAM).

#### 4. ORTPOL

This subroutine, from the text by Conte and de Boor, [2] forms a fifth order least squares polynomial through a set of data points, representing values of  $Q(k_r)$  and  $k_r$ , each with a weight  $W$ . The resulting polynomial, evaluated by the subroutine ORTGET, finds the first estimate of  $k_{r,n}$  for a given value of  $Q$ . ORTGET returns a value of the polynomial and its derivative in terms of both phase speed (CPV) and horizontal wave number (KM), as well as the derivative of the  $k_r$  with respect to  $Q$  (DKRDQ).

#### 5. EIGFUN

Given a value of  $k_{r,n}$  and a depth,  $z$ , (entered by depth grid index (IDZR) and the depth below the grid depth (DELZR)), the subroutine EIGFUN calculates the unnormalized eigenfunction  $U(z)$ . Upon the first call to EIGFUN after the determination of the eigenvalue, the WKB coefficients,  $a_0$  or  $c_0$  (CO1) and  $b_0$  or  $d_0$  (CO2) are calculated for each depth grid as a function of the upper and lower turning point phase angles (THU and THL). The WKB and Airy validity factors are evaluated; if either is less than the parameters KALIM or KWLIM, the Airy or WKB solution is calculated immediately. If neither the WKB or Airy conditions is satisfied, a search is made both above and below  $z$ , to find the first depths with valid WKB or Airy solutions. At these two depths  $U$  and  $U'$  are calculated; then the values are passed to the subroutine SPLICE.



## 6. SPLICE

Starting with values of  $U$  and  $U'$  ( $U$  and  $U_P$ ), SPLICE extrapolates between  $z_a$  and  $z_b$  (DZP) using a finite difference version of Eq. (2.13),

$$U_{i+1} = [2 - (\Delta z_i)^2 k_z^2] U_i - U_{i-1}.$$

First an extrapolation starts from the lower depth and iterates in 101 or less steps towards the upper depth. This finite difference scheme is quite unstable in the shadow zone region and the extrapolation function generated,  $U_i^{(1)}$ , may exponentially grow with depth. In order to force  $U_i$  to be continuous at  $z_b$ ,  $U_i^{(1)}$  is now multiplied by a ramp function forming,

$$U_i^{(2)} = U_i^{(1)} + (U_b - U_i^{(1)}) (z_i - z_a) / (z_b - z_a).$$

This finite difference scheme is repeated in the opposite direction (from  $z_b$  to  $z_a$ ) to form an extrapolation function  $U_i^{(3)}$ . This in turn is multiplied by a second ramp function yielding the extrapolation function  $U_i^{(4)}$ , which converges to  $U(z_a)$ . There are now two continuous extrapolation functions  $U_i^{(2)}$  and  $U_i^{(4)}$ , with  $U_i^{(2)}$  representing a more accurate extrapolation near  $z_a$  and  $U_i^{(4)}$  representing a more accurate extrapolation near  $z_b$ . An average of the two extrapolators weighted by the relative proximity of the desired depth to  $z_a$  and  $z_b$  is used for the final estimate of the



eigenfunction,

$$U_n(z) = [(z - z_b) U_i^{(2)} + (z_a - z) U_i^{(4)}] / (z_a - z_b).$$

Due to the ramp function used, this extrapolation scheme may give a discontinuous derivative at the end points,  $z_a$  and  $z_b$ . Since the derivative of  $U(z)$  with depth plays no part in the calculation of the transmission loss, and the errors incurred in  $U(z)$  are slight, this effect can be expected to have little if any effect on the subsequent calculations.

## 7. PLOSS

The subroutine PLOSS computes the transmission loss with range from RSTART to RSTOP in increments of DELR, and displays the results on a printer graph or a CALCOMP plot. The transmission loss is calculated in terms of both the coherent and incoherent transmission loss, and an optional averaged transmission loss. The averaged transmission loss is calculated from a running average of the square of the coherent pressure  $P^2$  multiplied by a range weighting function (or window). Two windows are provided, a Gaussian curve (IFILT=1) and a straight running average (IFILT=2).

When PLOSS is called, various initial values are set and the filter function is normalized. The averaging is performed with a stack which is filled with  $P^2$  values. At each range step the values in the stack drop one place; the value of  $P^2$  is calculated for the range  $r$  plus the averaging width (RAVG) and is placed at the end of the stack. The coherent transmission loss is calculated from the middle value of the stack.





For multiple profile plots the transmission loss calculations stop at the range equal to the end of the profile sector (REND), and a variable is set indicating the subroutine was left "on" (\$ON). After processing of the next profile, the transmission loss calculations continue without interruption to the output.

## 8. MATCH

This subroutine fills two vectors (ICROSS,IREX) which provide a cross-reference table for the matching of modes between profiles. The matching is carried out in two steps:

- Each mode in the new profile is selected in order of increasing phase speed (MORDR2). For each mode, the modes in the previous profile are searched (also in order of increasing phase speed) for a mode with the same relative position in the profile (IBRN1,IBRN2) and with the same mode number (MODEL,MODEN).

- If, after the first step, any modes remain unmatched a transition between channels has taken place. In this case the second step begins by finding the extent of the gap of unmatched modes. The gap begins with the first unmatched mode in the new profile, and ends with the next matched mode in either the same channel or the main channel. The corresponding gap is also found for the previous profile, and the number of missing modes in each channel is tabulated. The modes are then cross-referenced (ICROSS) in terms of increasing phase speed. As long as unmatched modes remain in more than one sub-channel, the source mode energy is summed (USUM), later to be divided evenly between the same modes.

This step is repeated for all such gaps. Finally, any modes which still remain unmatched are cross-referenced to mode 200, which is used as a dummy, or null mode.





## 9. INTEGR

The subroutine INTEGR integrates either the vertical real wave number or vertical imaginary wave number with depth. With the assumed nature of the profile this integration is accomplished in each layer with the analytic formula,

$$\int_{z_i}^{z_{i+1}} k_z dz = \frac{2}{3} | [k_z(z_i)^3 - k_z(z_{i+1})^3] | / \gamma.$$

## 10. QFIND

The subroutine QFIND computes the value of  $Q$  at a particular  $k_r$  for a family between the depth grids MINDEP and MAXDEP. This is accomplished by integrating the vertical wave number across the ensonified depths (INTEGR), then calling the routines for the surface and bottom boundary conditions (SBC and BBC).

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## VIII. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Results from the QMODE model were compared with analytic solutions, the results from some other models, and with some transmission loss experimental data.

### A. ANALYTIC TESTS

The model was tested with two profiles which yield analytic values for the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.

#### 1. Isovelocity Channel

The first profile is that of an isovelocity sound channel with rigid bottom, for which the eigenvalues are

$$k_{r,n}^2 = k^2 - [(2n-1) \pi / (2H)]^2, \quad (8.1)$$

where  $H$  is the depth of the channel. The profile had a sound speed of 1500 m/sec and a depth of 4000 meters. The first 150 eigenvalues were computed for a frequency of 100 Hz by both the QMODE and NORM01 (a normal mode finite difference program by the author [1]) programs. The results are shown in Fig 28, where the error between the analytic and computed eigenvalues, scaled to the intermode spacing, is plotted as function of mode number. A curve is also included which corresponds to six significant figure agreement between the computed eigenvalues and the analytic eigenvalues. For higher modes, as the vertical grid spacing becomes an appreciable fraction of the vertical wavelength, the finite difference technique becomes more inaccurate.



## 2. Constant Gradient Channel

The second profile is one with a single  $c^{-2}$  gradient (Fig 29). For this profile the analytic eigenfunctions are a linear combination of the Airy functions,  $Ai$  and  $Bi$ . In the shadow zone  $Bi$  increases exponentially with depth, for modes with lower turning point well above the bottom, and the coefficient of the  $Bi$  term must be zero. Thus the eigenvalues are those values of the horizontal wave number for which the zeros of the Airy function occur at the surface. This occurs when (using the notation of chapter III),

$$Ai(-x) = 0, \quad (8.2)$$

or,

$$k_{r,n}^2 = \gamma^{2/3} y_n - k_o^2, \quad (8.3)$$

where  $y_n$  are the negative zeros of the Airy function and  $k_o$  is the wave number at the surface. The differences between the analytic eigenvalues and the computed eigenvalues are shown in Fig 30 as a function of mode number. For the lower modes the finite difference technique and the WKB model have comparable accuracy. Beginning with mode 12 the QMODE (WKB) eigenvalues become accurate to six significant figures, asymptotically approaching the analytic solution.

### B. AESD WORKSHOP TESTS

The QMODE results for three profiles used in the AESD Workshop on Non-Ray-Tracing Techniques were examined [2]. The three profiles correspond to a Pacific deep water profile (AESD 1B), a N.E. Atlantic profile with multiple sound channels (AESD 2), and a shallow water profile





(AESD 3). The sound speed profiles for each are shown in Fig 31, 32, and 33.

## 1. Comparison of Modes

From two of these profiles, a number of eigenfunctions were calculated by both the QMODE and NORMO1 programs and plotted. All five eigenfunctions for the shallow water case are shown in Fig 34. The normalized eigenfunctions generated by both programs are superimposed, with the NORMO1 modes in solid lines, and the QMODE modes in dashed lines. Modes 11 through 20 of the multiple channel profile, AESD 2, are shown in Fig 35 and 36. These modes occurred at phase speeds near the edge of the barrier separating the two channels.

## 2. Transmission Loss

Transmission loss was calculated by QMODE for the AESD profiles. The QMODE results are compared with those for the FACT (modified ray theory), the NOL (finite difference normal mode), and the parabolic equation models. A description of the NOL model is found in Ref. [3]. The central processing unit (CPU) times for each QMODE run are given in Tables 1 through 3. The transmission loss curves are given beginning with Fig 37. The QMODE transmission loss plots may show up to three curves: the fully coherent transmission loss, the incoherent transmission loss, and the averaged transmission loss. The QMODE results agree generally, although not necessarily in detail, with those for the finite difference and parabolic equation models. The FACT results are considerably smoothed and do not reflect the sharp interference effects apparent in the normal mode and parabolic equation models. The FACT model incorporates acoustic energy with higher grazing angles at the bottom (greater than critical angle) than normal mode techniques. Thus the QMODE results show greater transmission loss in the shadow zones, especially for





profile AESD 1B.

If RAVG, the range over which the QMODE transmission loss is averaged, is increased the results are smoothed and begin to resemble the FACT results. This is illustrated in Fig 49 through Fig 52, where the averaging range for the AESD 1B transmission loss is increased from 2.5 nm to 10 nm.

### C. COMPARISONS WITH DATA

The transmission loss predicted by QMODE was compared with the results from two sets of acoustic experiments.

#### 1. PARKA IIA Data

The first set of comparisons was with a series of experiments in the North Pacific (PARKA IIA) [4]. The experiment measured transmission loss over different paths for various combinations of frequency, source, and receiver depth. The research platform FLIP, equipped with suspended hydrophones, acted as the receiver site. Explosive charges were dropped along radial bearings from the receiver and the resulting transmission loss was recorded. Four runs were compared, two to ranges of 500 nm, one to 1500 nm, and one to 2000 nm.

##### a. Run 1

In this run the transmission loss at 100 Hz between a deep source (500 ft) and a sound channel axis receiver (2563 ft) was measured out to a range of 500 nm. The results are shown in Fig 53. The QMODE results agree well in the convergence zones and at longer ranges, but show greater transmission loss in the shadow zones between the first few convergence zones. This can be attributed to the fact that QMODE was run without including any bottom bounce energy (since detailed bottom information was not readily



available).

b. Run 2

This example measured transmission loss at 100 Hz between a shallow source (60 ft) and a shallow (300 ft) receiver. The data were collected in two runs, one outbound from the receiver for a distance of 500 nm, and then a run back towards the receiver. The results for the outbound and inbound runs are shown in Fig 54 and 55. Again the QMODE results agree with the data at the longer ranges and in the convergence zones. The effect of omitting bottom bounce energy is still apparent.

c. Run 3

The third PARKA example measured the transmission loss at 100 Hz between a deep source (600 ft) and a sound channel axis receiver out to a distance of 1500 nm. The environmental input for the QMODE computer run was based upon the Fleet Numerical Weather Central (FNWC) climatology for the appropriate month. This climatology is formed by averaging the temperature and salinity fields for historical data. The computer run used a profile based on climatology for every 100 nm along the track. The results are shown in Fig 56. For this northerly track the sound channel slowly rises with range and the shallow source becomes increasingly coupled to the axis receiver.

d. Run 4

The last example from the PARKA experiments was along an east-west track for a deep (800 ft) source and axis receiver out to a distance of 2000 nm. Along this track the sound channel axis depth remained relatively constant. The environmental data for the computer run was based upon the FNWC climatology with the temperature values corrected at shallow depths for observed AXBT (Airborne Expendable Bathythermograph) data collected at the time of the



experiment [5]. The results are shown in Fig 57. For the first 1000 miles the QMODE results agree well with the observed results. After this range the QMODE model fails to predict the observed large variations in the transmission loss. The FNWC propagation loss calculations for the same track using the RP-70 model (ray-trace) also failed to show the observed variations [4]. It is assumed that the wide variation of transmission loss is due to differences between the assumed and actual bathymetry along the track.

## 2. Antigua to Grand Banks

The second acoustic experiment for which comparisons were made measured the transmission loss along a great circle track from a location near Antigua, West Indies to the Grand Banks. The results of this experiment were described in an article by Guthrie, Fitzgerald, Nutile, and Shaffer [6]. The author was present at the receiver site in connection with military duties. Two acoustic CW projectors at frequencies of 13.89 and 111.1 Hz were towed at depths of 104 and 21 meters. The received signal was recorded through a 1100-meter deep, bottom-moored hydrophone off Antigua. The QMODE results show the effects of variable oceanographic conditions along the track. For each source frequency two sets of calculations were made, one with a bilinear profile (Fig 58), and a set of profiles based upon FNWC climatology at 100-nm intervals. For the low frequency source, Fig 59, 60, and 61 show the results for the bilinear profile and the climatology profiles, as well as the observed transmission loss. The QMODE results show well-defined convergence zones along the entire length of the track, while the observed data show the zones to lose definition after about 1800 km.

Figures 62, 63 and 64 show the corresponding results for the high-frequency source. Again, QMODE predicted well-defined convergence zones to greater ranges than was observed. The appearance of well defined modes at greater





ranges suggests that more scattering of acoustic energy among the modes took place than was accounted for in the computer calculations. This scattering can be due to either inhomogeneities in the ocean or the non-adiabatic coupling among modes of different profiles. Guthrie, et al, observed that as the track extends to the north the sound channel becomes shallower and more acoustic energy is coupled from the shallow sources into the deep sound channel. This change in the nature of the sound speed profile is observed in the QMODE results, where the incoherent transmission loss decreases as the northern latitudes are reached.

#### D. EFFECT OF THE BOTTOM ON DEEP SOUND CHANNEL PROPAGATION

In the PARKA run 4, lack of information on the bottom appeared to have an adverse effect on the computer results. Due to a lack of data, the computer runs were made considering only refracted energy (this approximation is often used when dealing with such long range transmission). Along tracks where the modes have little interaction with the bottom, this limitation has little effect. This usually occurs in the Northern Hemisphere for northerly tracks where, typically, the sound channel becomes shallower with increasing latitude. On an east-west track (as in PARKA run 4), and on southerly tracks (where the sound channel becomes deeper with lower latitudes), the modes tend to interact more with the bottom. For such tracks the calculation of deep sound channel transmission loss becomes difficult without detailed knowledge of the bottom characteristics. Thus to predict low-frequency sound propagation reliably over long distances in the ocean, detailed bottom information is required in a form suitable for the mathematical model being used.





## E. CONCLUSIONS

QMODE possesses the potential of a relatively fast method for the calculation of long range low-frequency sound transmission in the oceans. The computational speed results from the normal mode method of computing transmission loss and the method in which the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions (modes) are determined.

The theoretical basis for the eigenvalues and the eigenfunctions is the assumed WKB solution. The first estimate for the eigenvalue is obtained by using a polynomial estimator through data generated by the WKB characteristic equation. When a precise eigenvalue is required, this estimator allows the use of significantly fewer iterations. For the calculation of averaged or incoherent transmission loss, the estimator alone provides an accurate enough approximation of the eigenvalue. Since the eigenfunction is an assumed WKB function, a very precise eigenvalue is not required in order to generate a good eigenfunction. This contrasts with conditions in the finite difference technique, where a precise eigenvalue is required due to instabilities in the finite difference equation in the shadow zones.

The second characteristic of the model which allows rapid computational speed is a property common to all normal mode models: the accuracy of the transmission loss calculations does not depend upon the size of the range step between calculations. To calculate the transmission loss at some range, the following is required:

- The modes be properly defined at the receiver;
- The coupling between modes be evaluated in a range dependent environment,
- The mode attenuation be evaluated;
- The modes be defined at the receiver.

Thus, the steps required in this model are dependent



upon the number of intervening profiles and not the range between source and receiver. In contrast, ray-tracing methods must calculate ray propagation over small grid steps along the entire path. A limitation of the mode method is that the number of modes, hence computation time, is proportional to the frequency considered.

There are a number of applications for which the model is ill-suited. The WKB method should not be expected to yield accurate results in situations in which only a few modes are present, such as in a sound channel near the cut-off frequency. As has been seen, the few modes near the edge of a barrier which separates multiple sound channels should not be expected to be exact. In the computation of transmission loss, this should not be a limitation if more than a few modes are present. A weakness of the normal mode technique is that rapid variations of sound speed and bottom depth with range are not easily accommodated. A high relief, sharp bottom becomes extremely difficult to model; this is true as well for rapid changes in the sound speed profile.

A number of improvements concerning both the theory and the actual program could be made to the model as presently configured. Some method of estimating the effects of a steep-sloped bottom upon the distribution of energy in the modes would improve the model's ability to predict transmission loss over variable bathymetry. Such an estimate would physically correspond to the non-adiabatic coupling between modes; or in terms of rays, the ray deflection after striking a sloping bottom. Secondly, an estimate of the scattering of energy in the modes due to both inhomogeneities in the environment and to the non-adiabatic transition between profiles would be desirable. A number of programming improvements could be made, including more efficient coding, space for storing a larger number of modes (presently 200), and multiple source/receiver depths.



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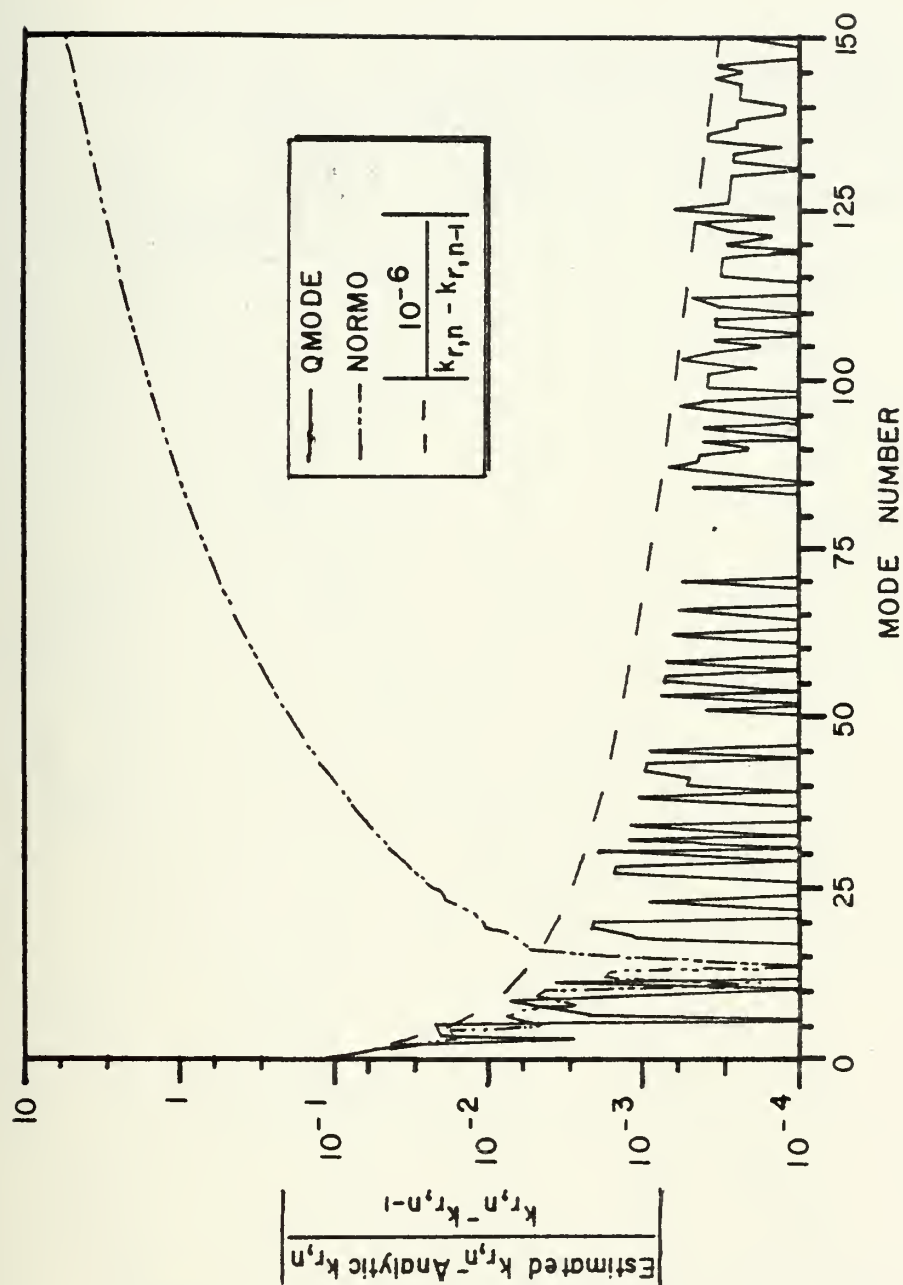


FIGURE 28 - Eigenvalue Test: Constant Gradient Channel

FIGURE 28 - Eigenvalue Test: Isovelocity Channel





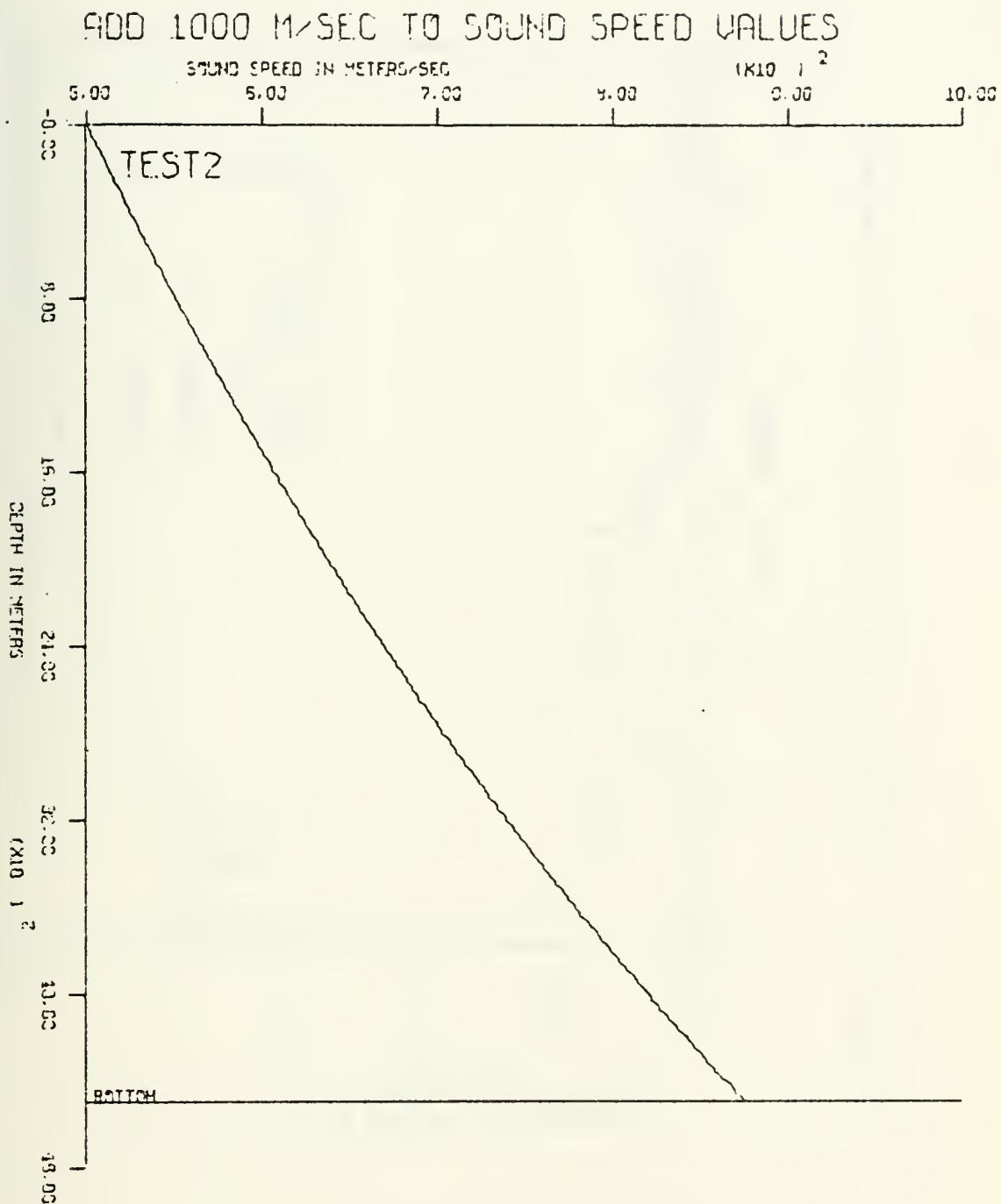


FIGURE 29 - Constant Gradient Channel



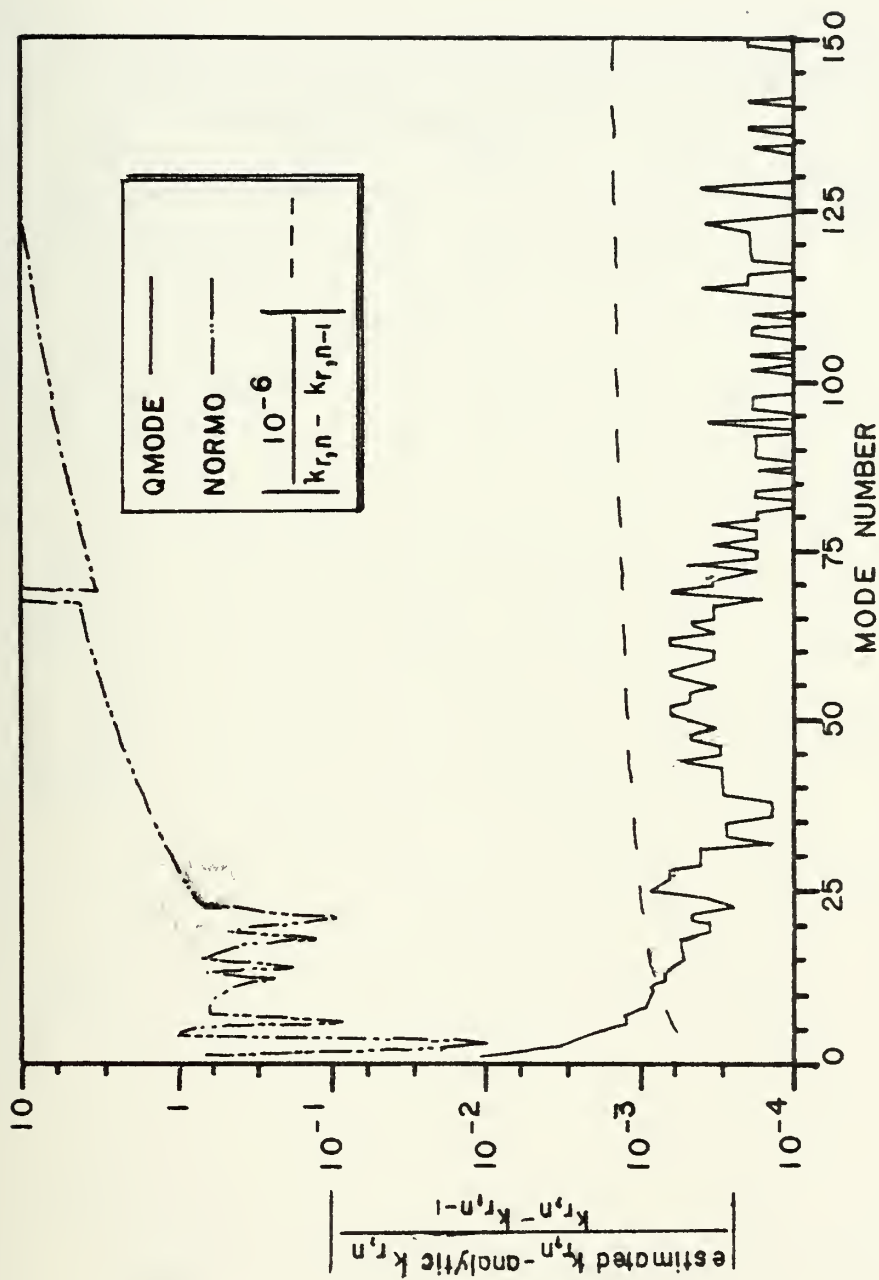


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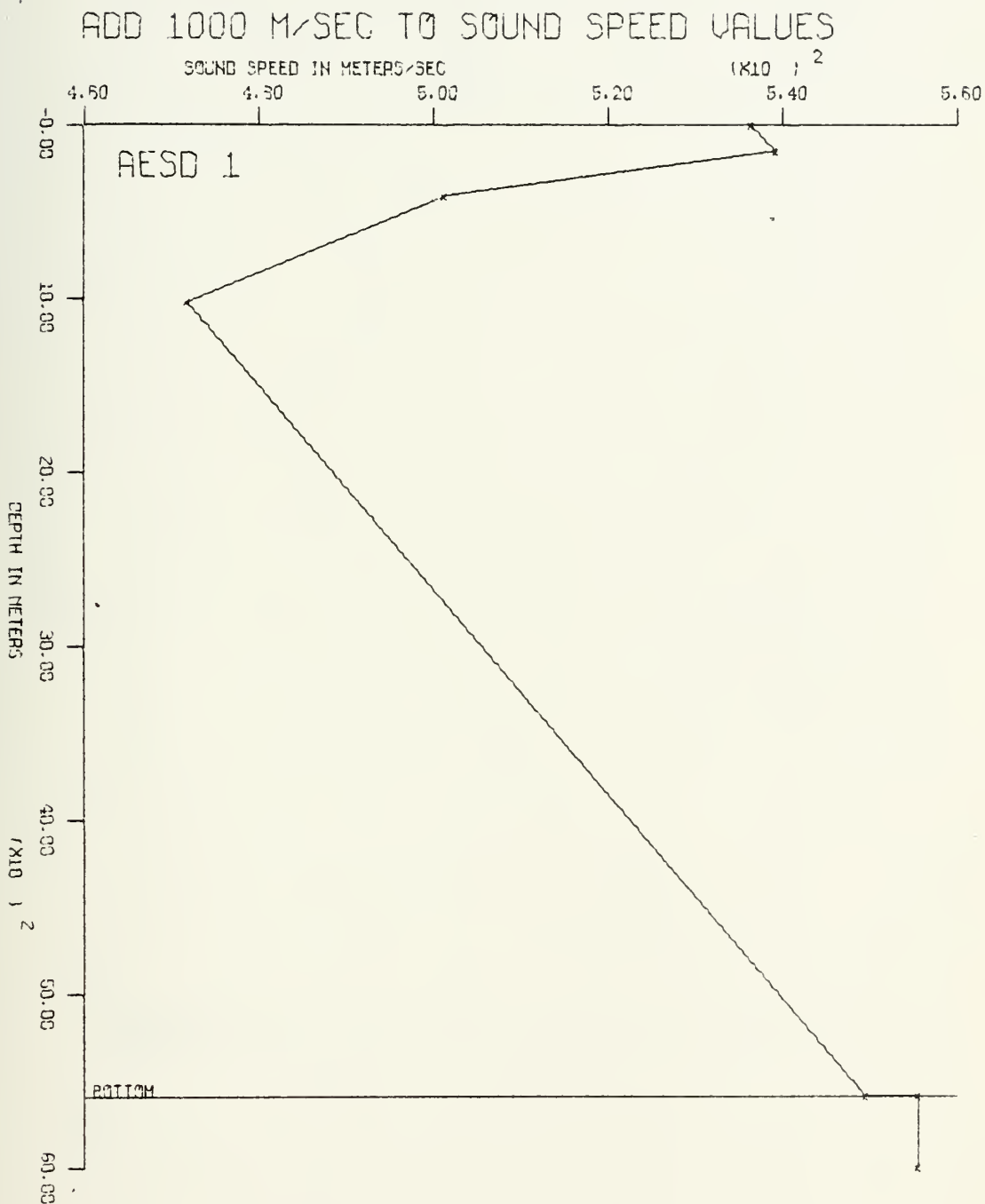


FIGURE 31 - AESD 1 - Sound Speed Profile





FIGURE 32 - AESD 2 - Sound Speed Profile





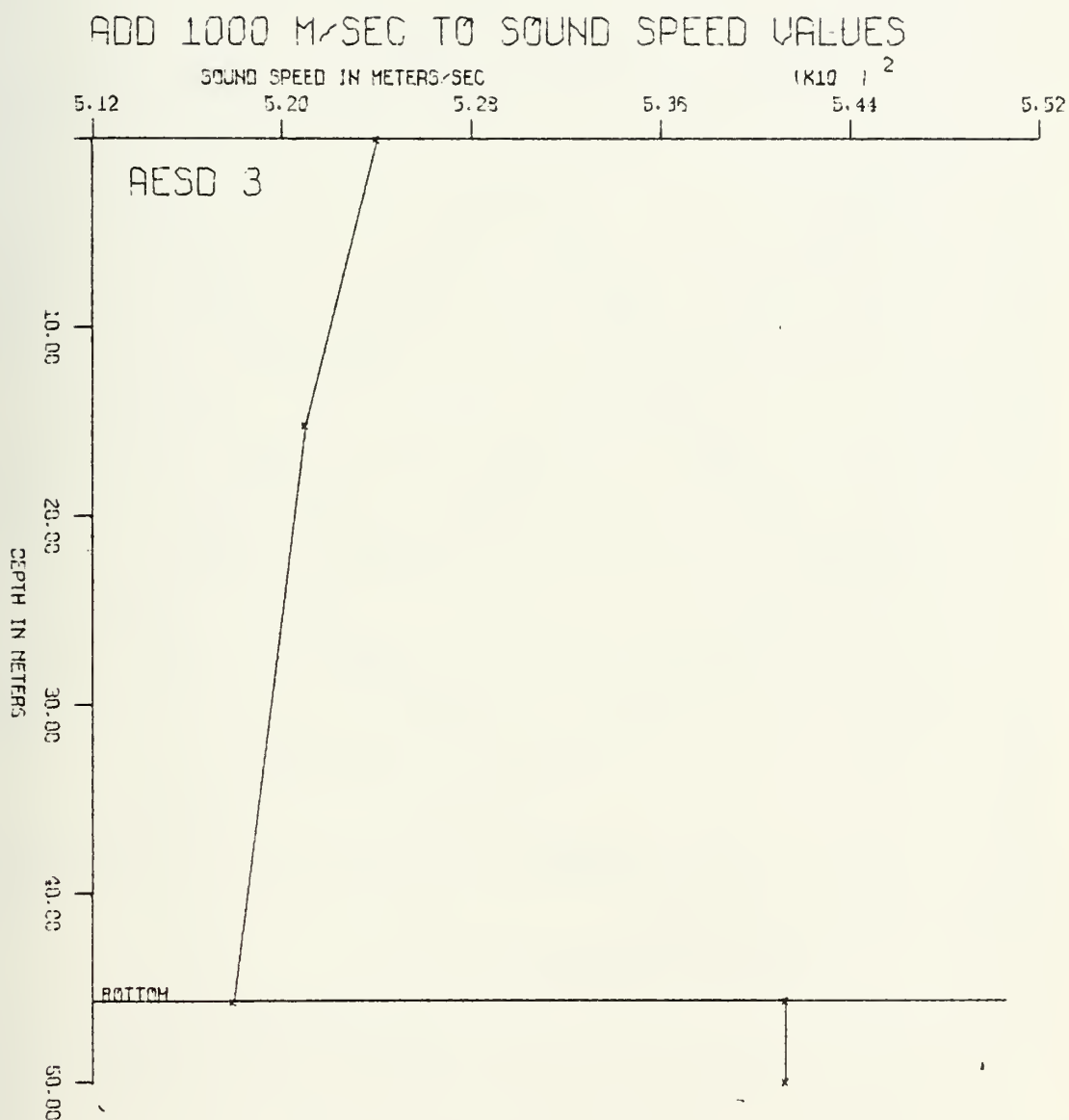


FIGURE 33 - AESD 3 - Sound Speed Profile







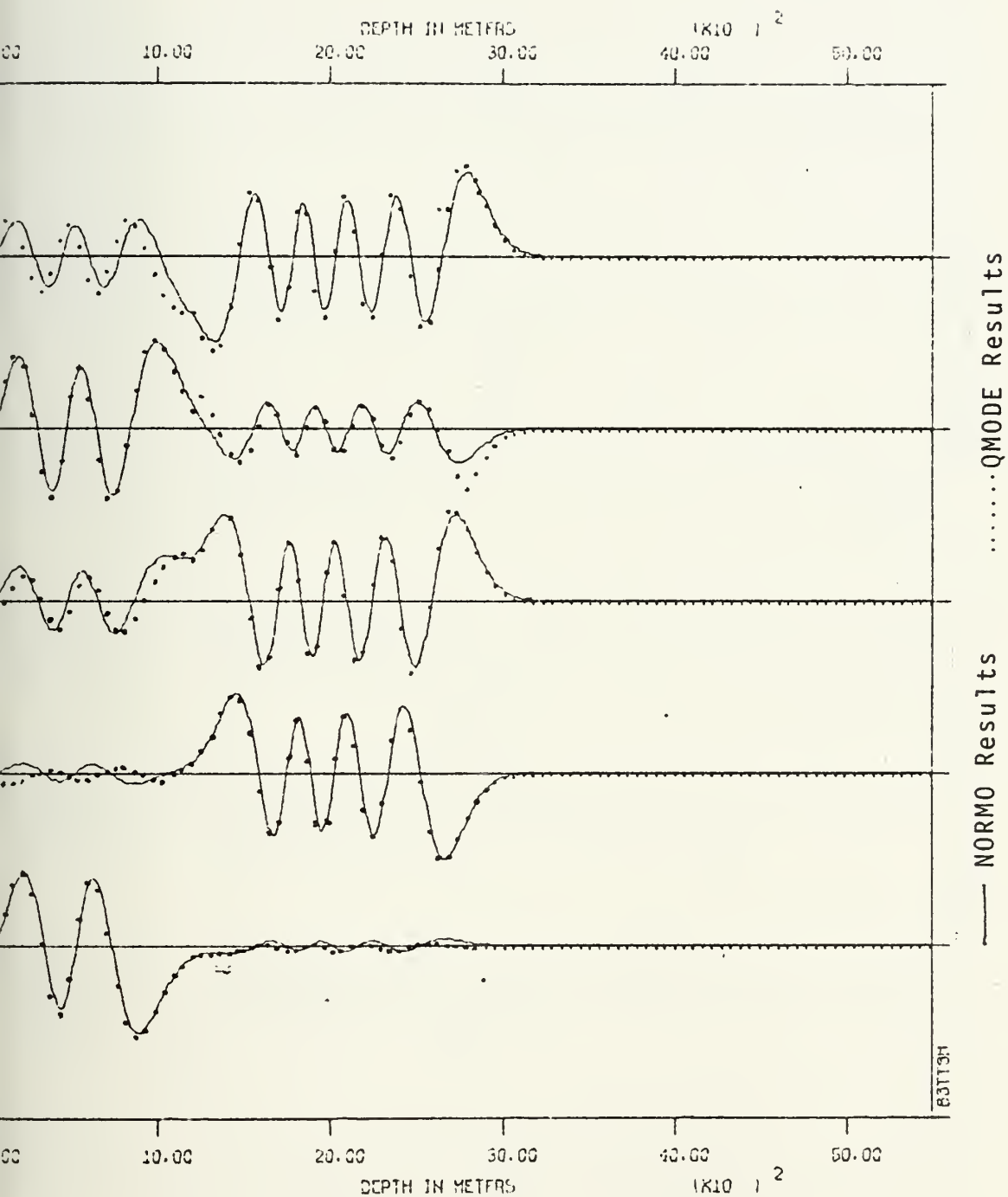


FIGURE 35 - AESD 2 Modes 11 through 15



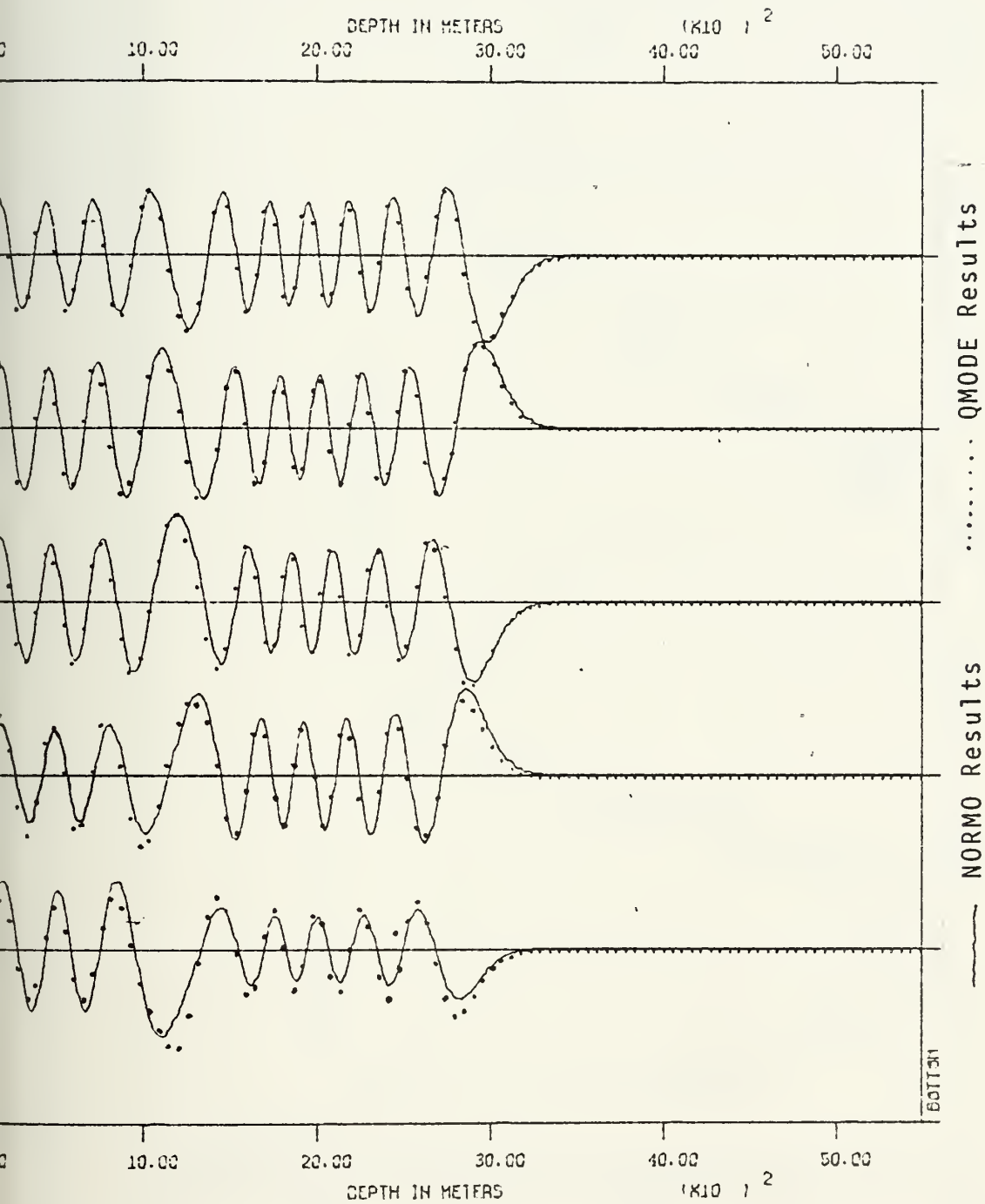


FIGURE 36 - AESD 2 Modes 16 through 20





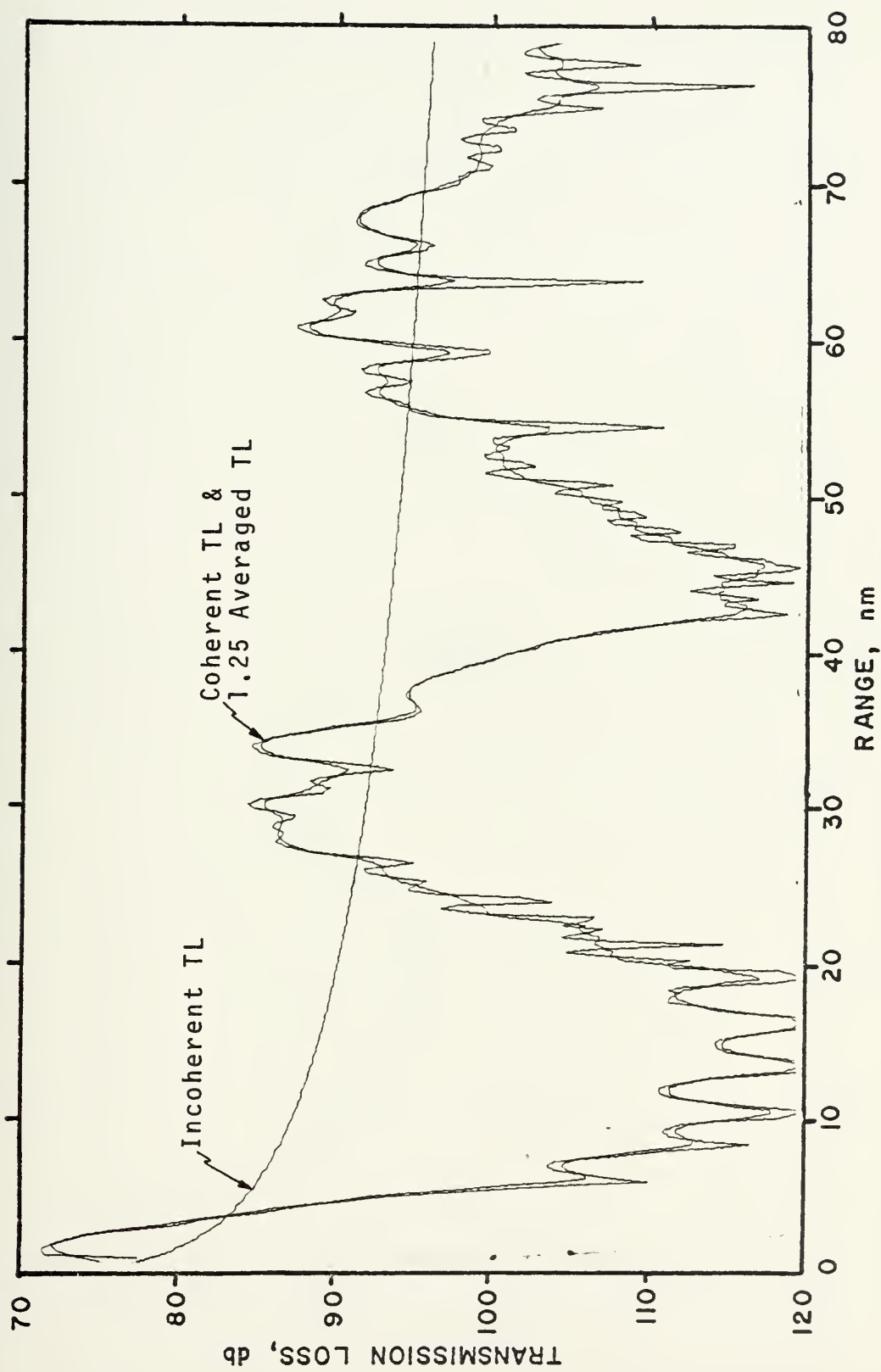


FIGURE 37 - AESD 1 - QMODE Results



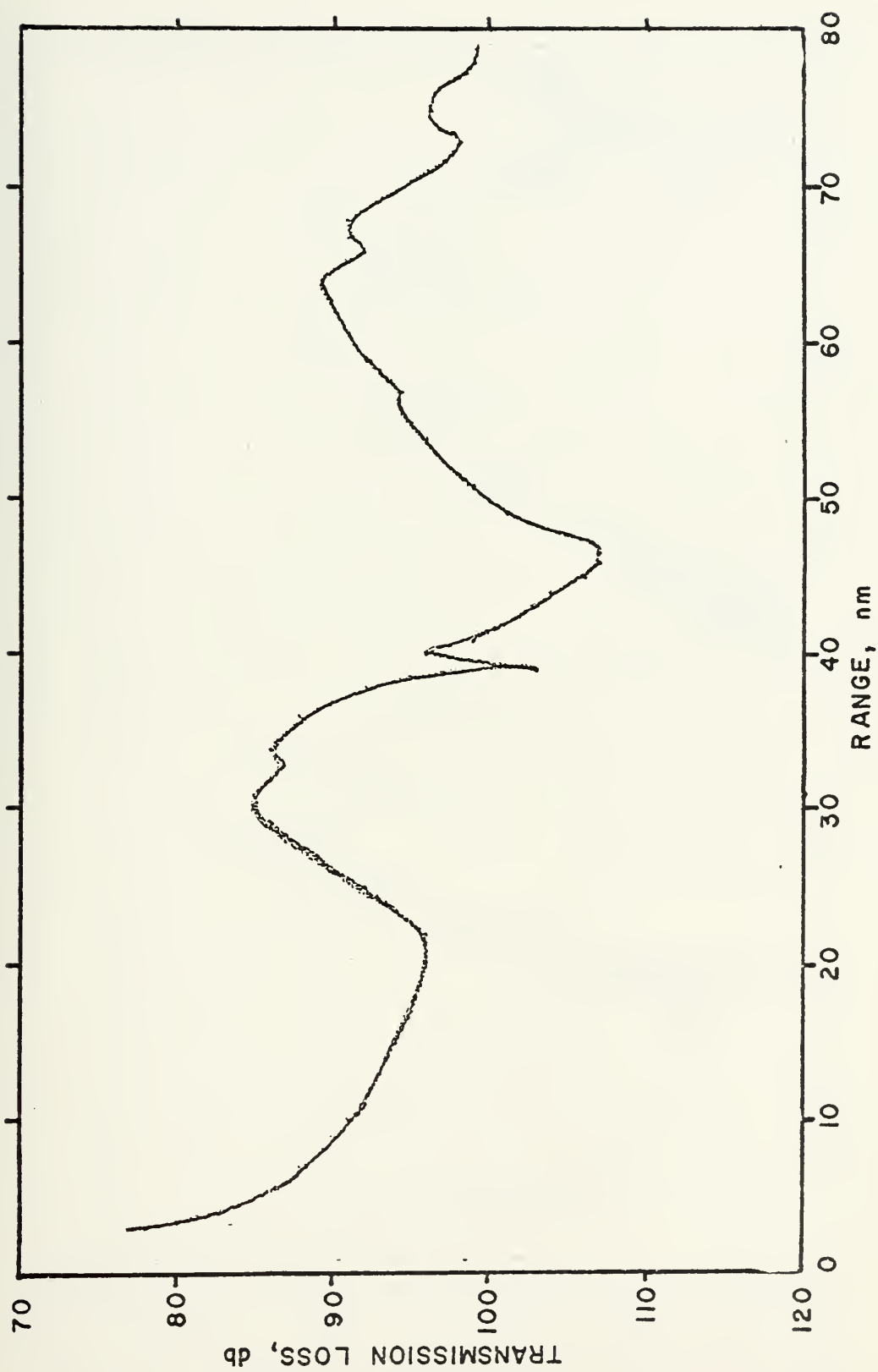


FIGURE 38 - AEDS 1 - FACT Results



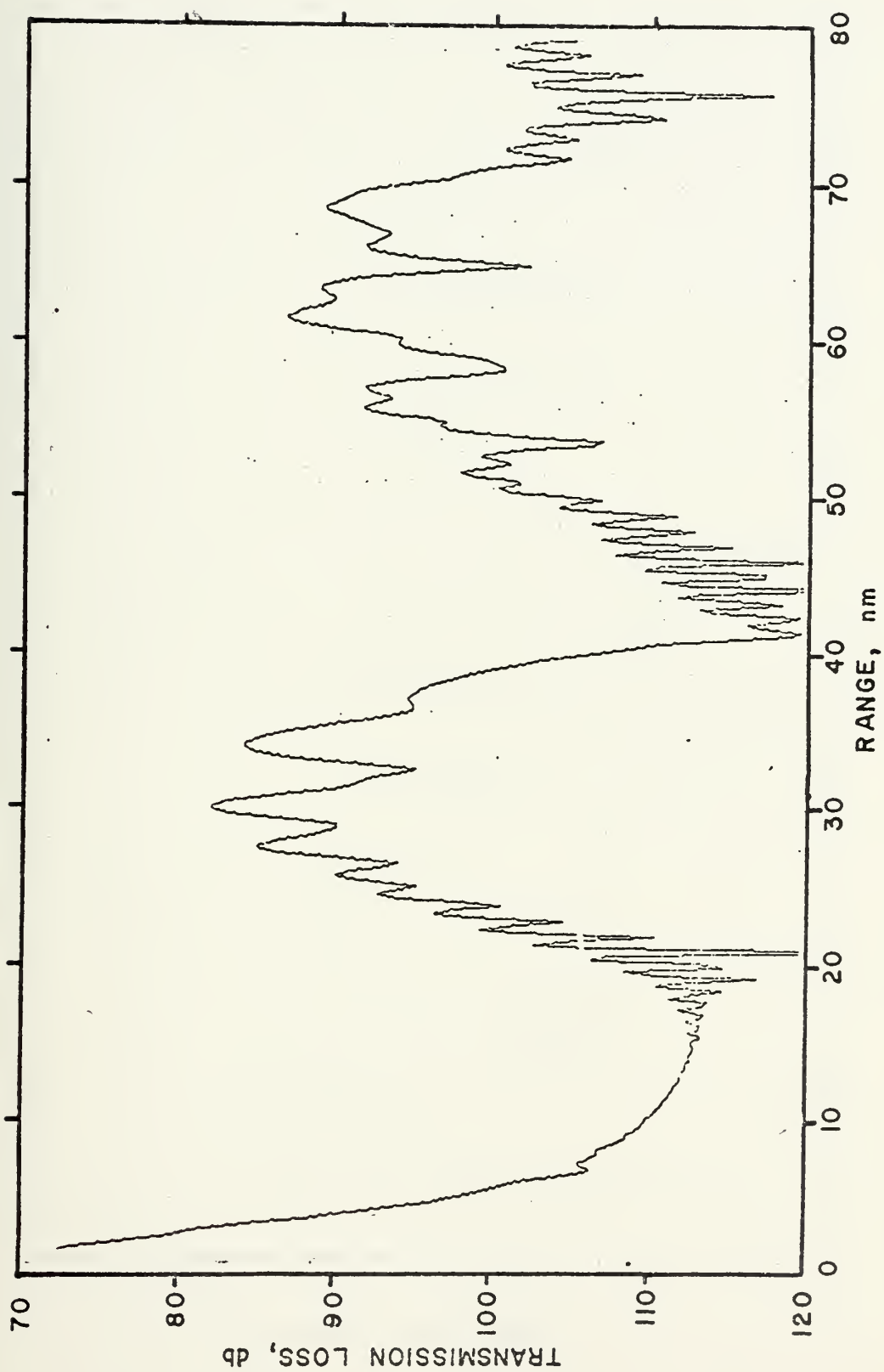


FIGURE 39 - AESD 1 - NOL Results



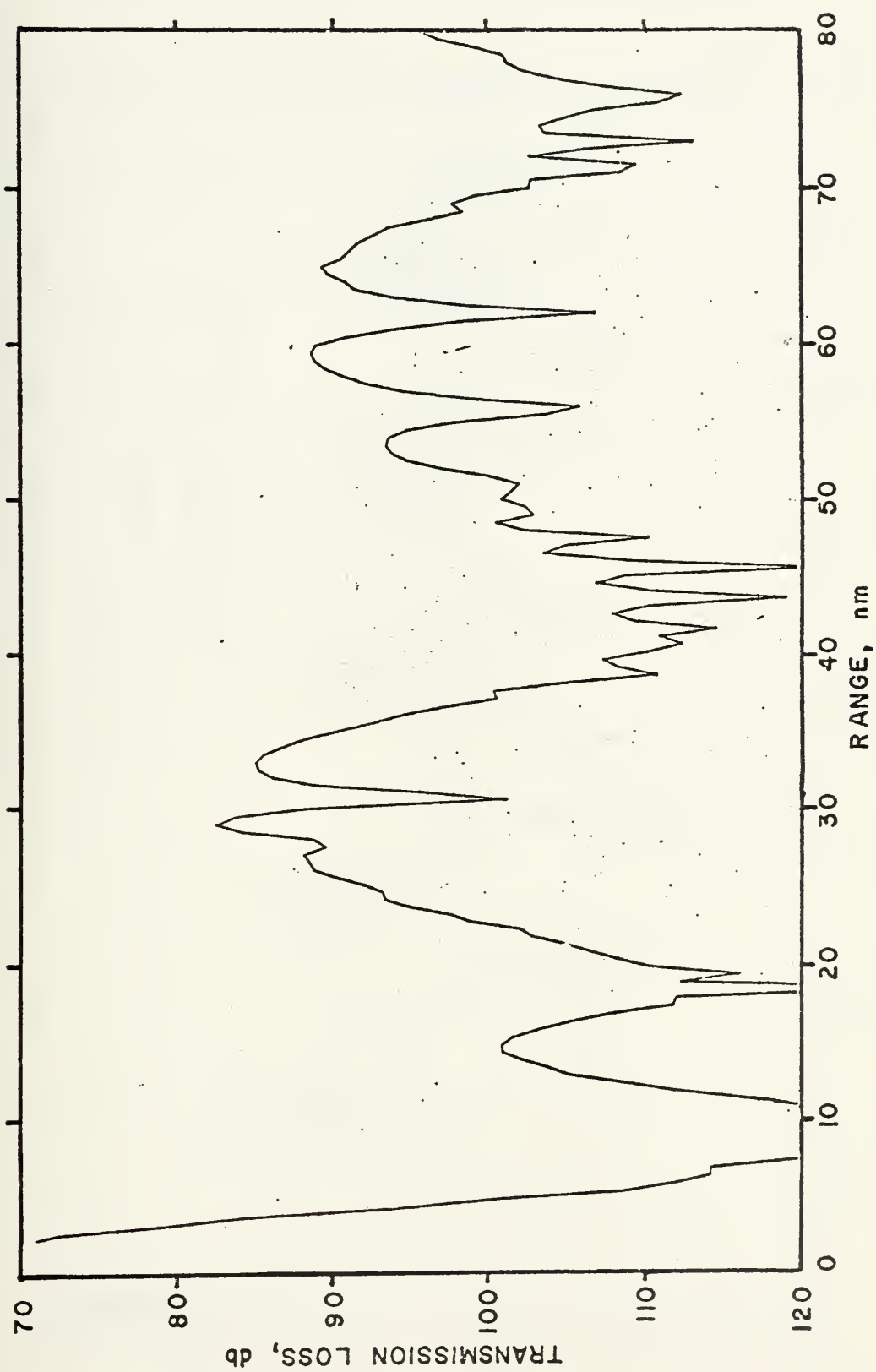


FIGURE 40 - AESD 1 - Parabolic Equation Results





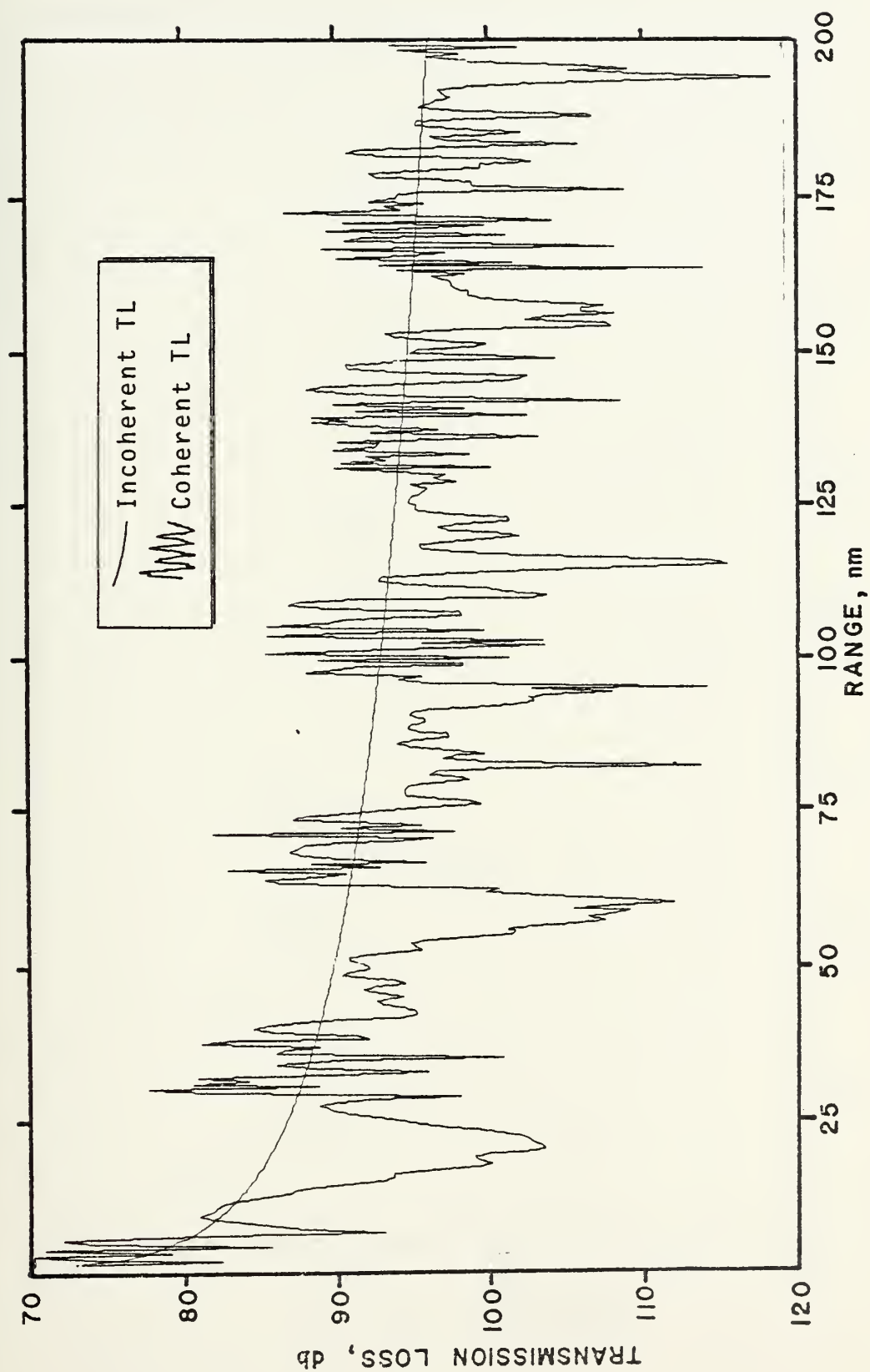


FIGURE 41 - AESD 2 - QMODE Results



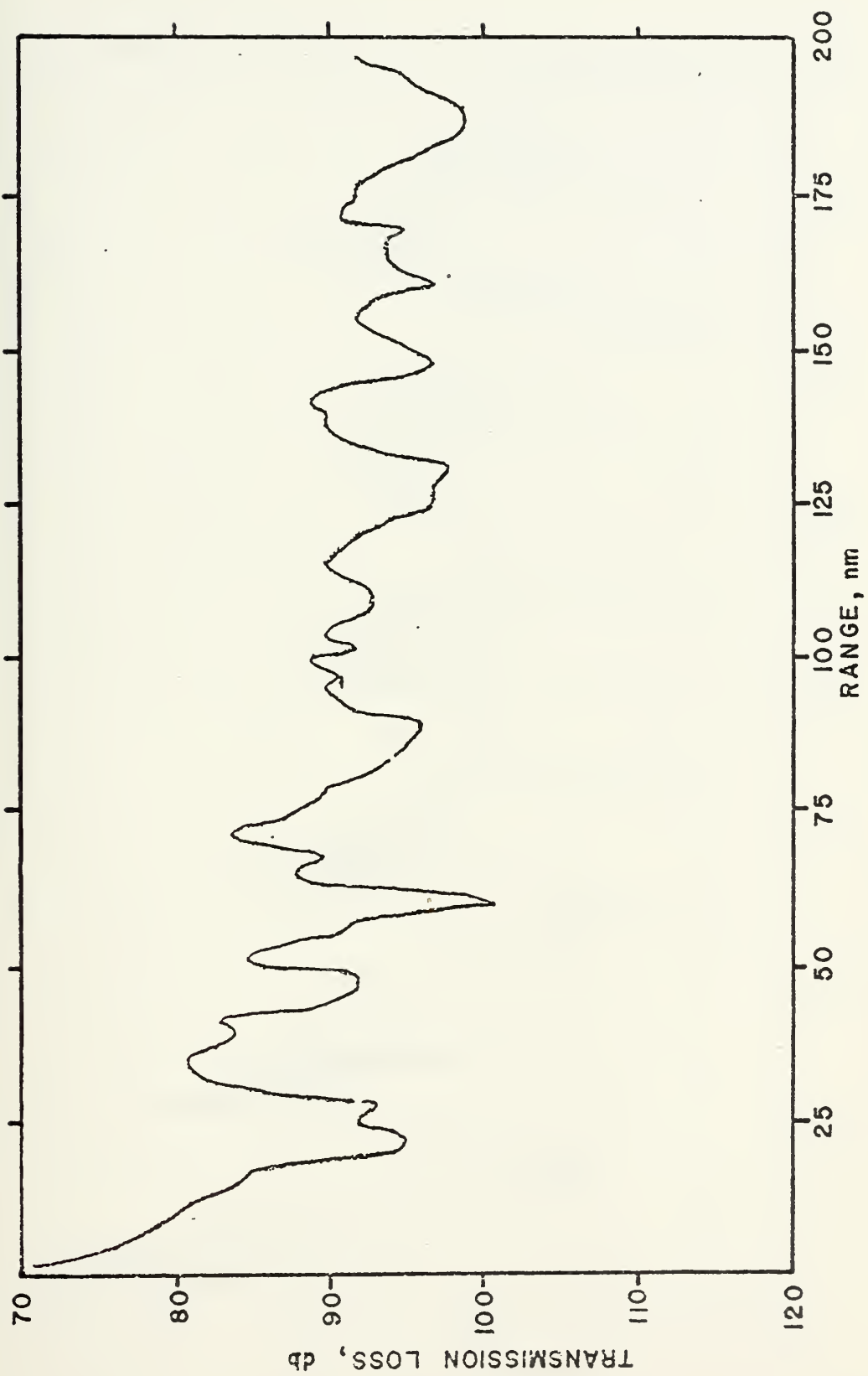


FIGURE 42 - AESD 2 - FACT Results



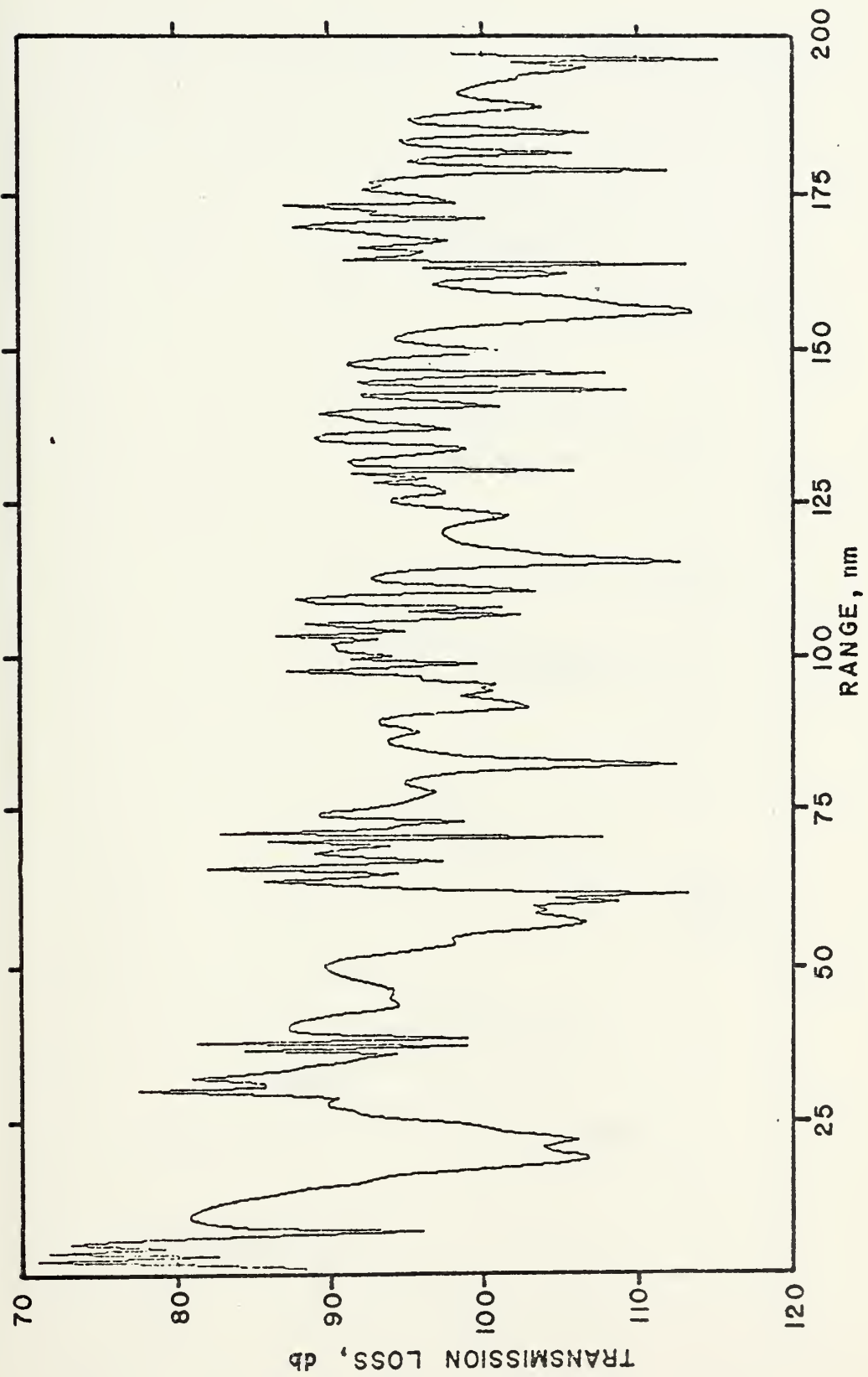


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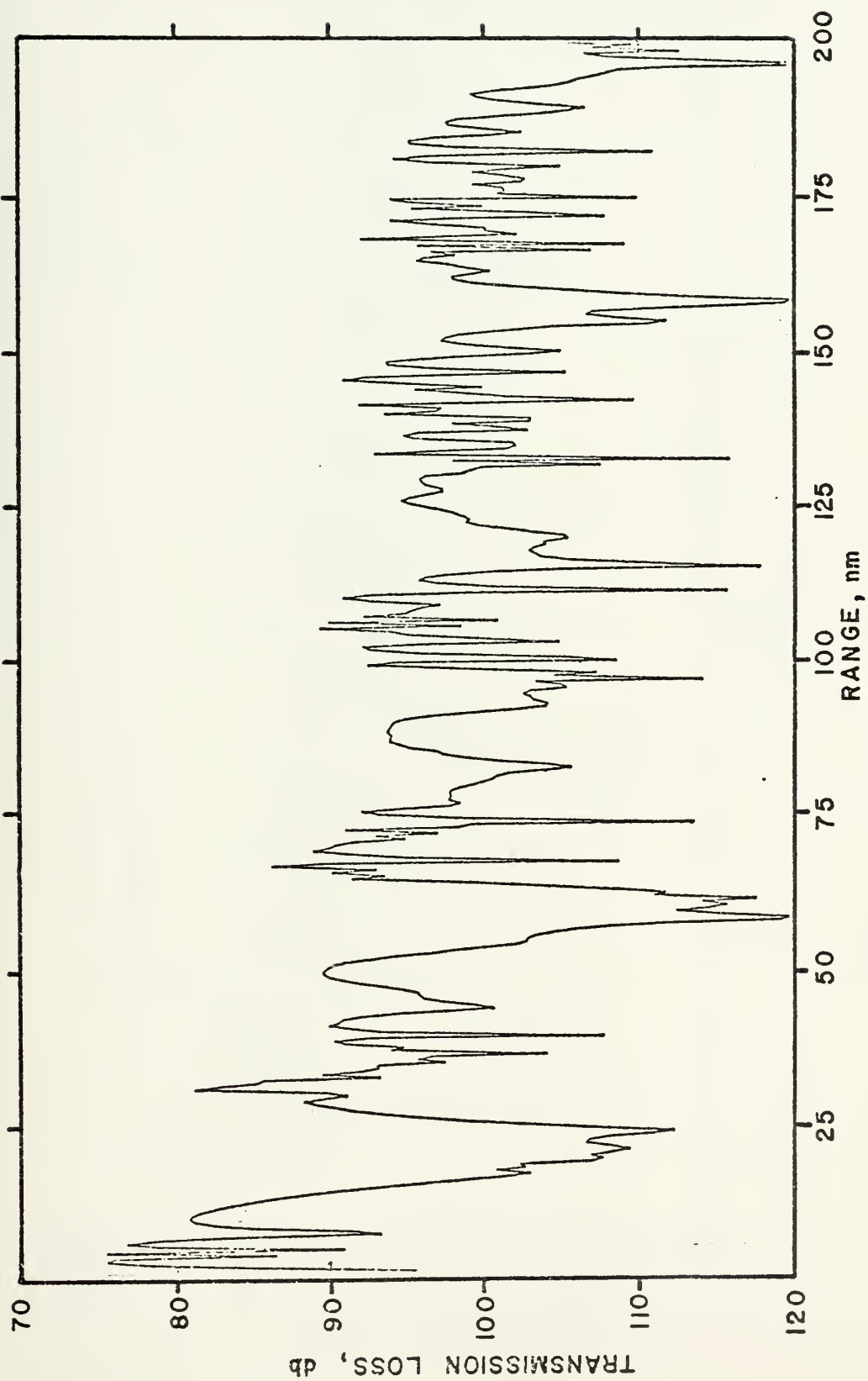


FIGURE 44 - AESD 2 - Parabolic Equation Results







FIGURE 45 - AESD 3 - QMODE Results



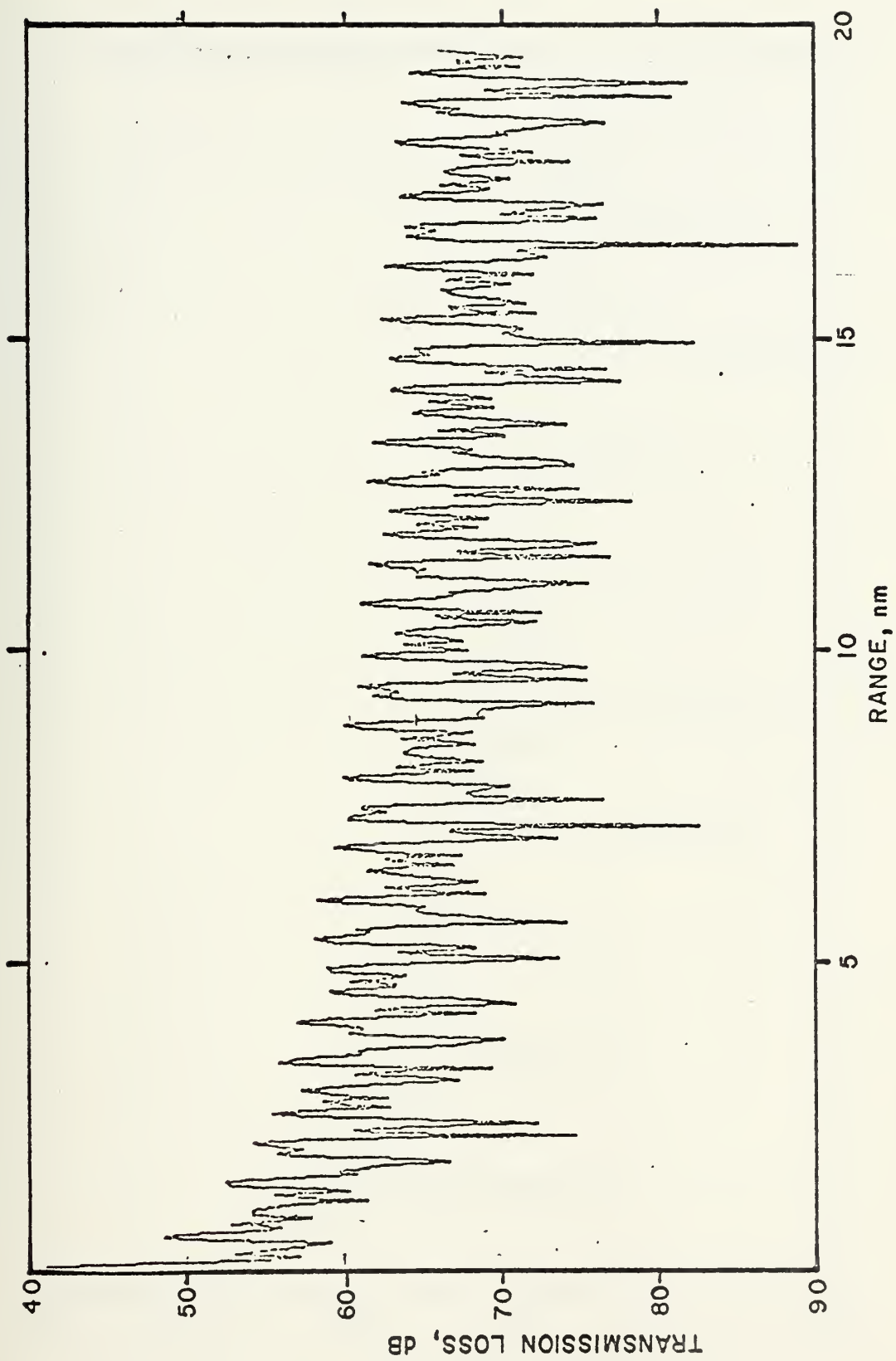


FIGURE 46 - AESD 3 - NOL Results



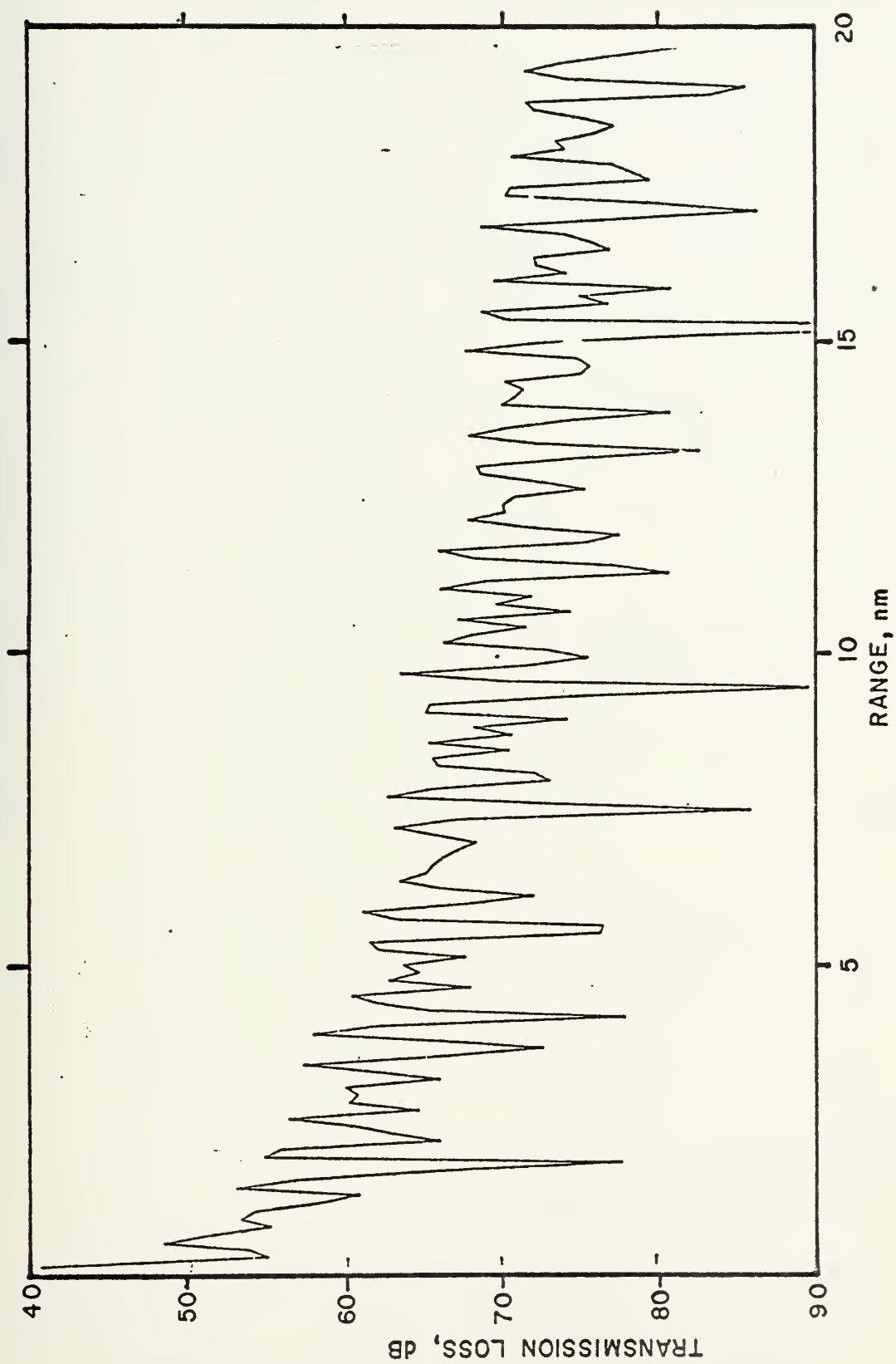


FIGURE 47 - AESD 3 - Parabolic Equation Results



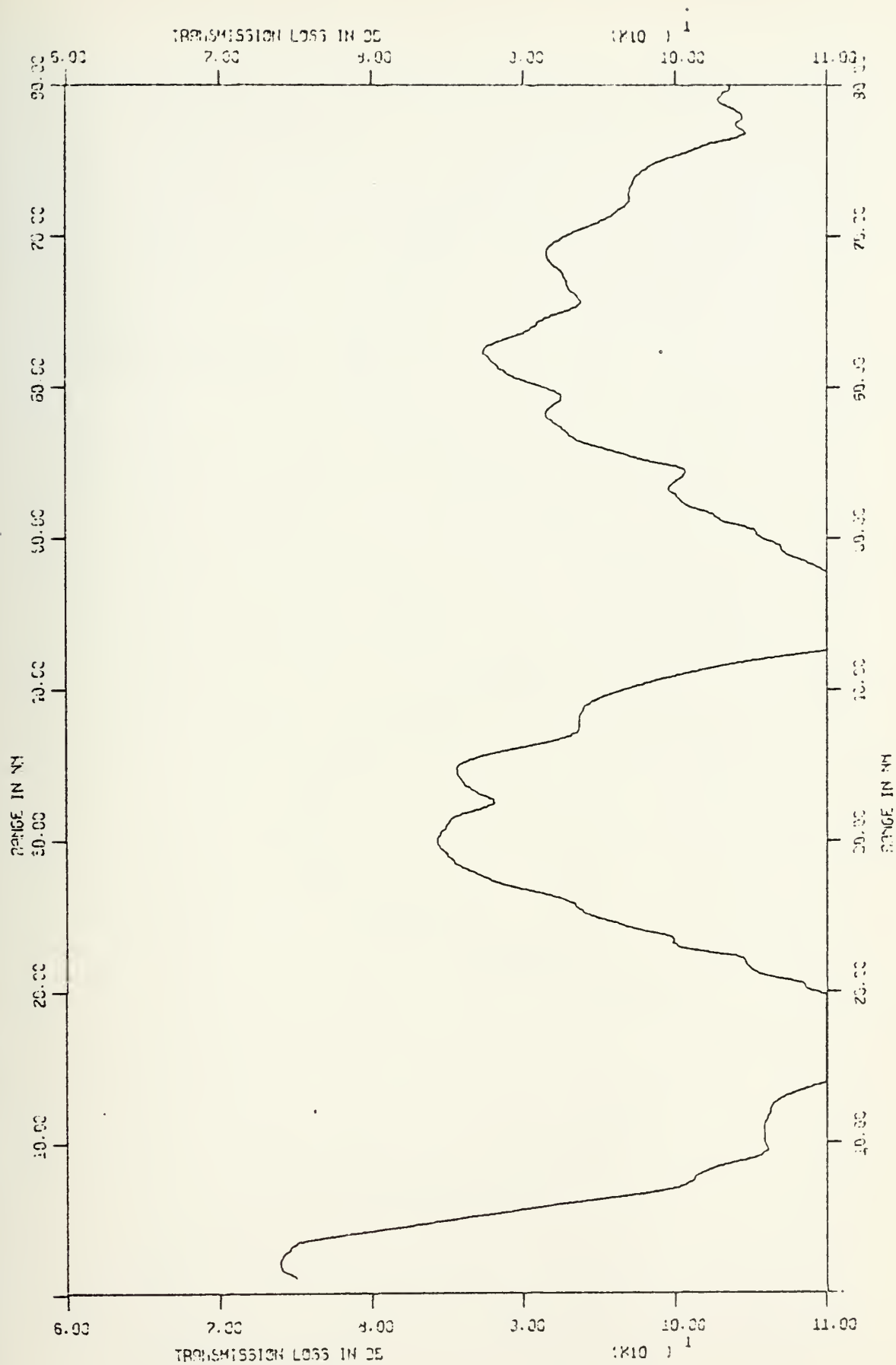


FIGURE 48 - AESD 1 - 2.5 nm Averaging





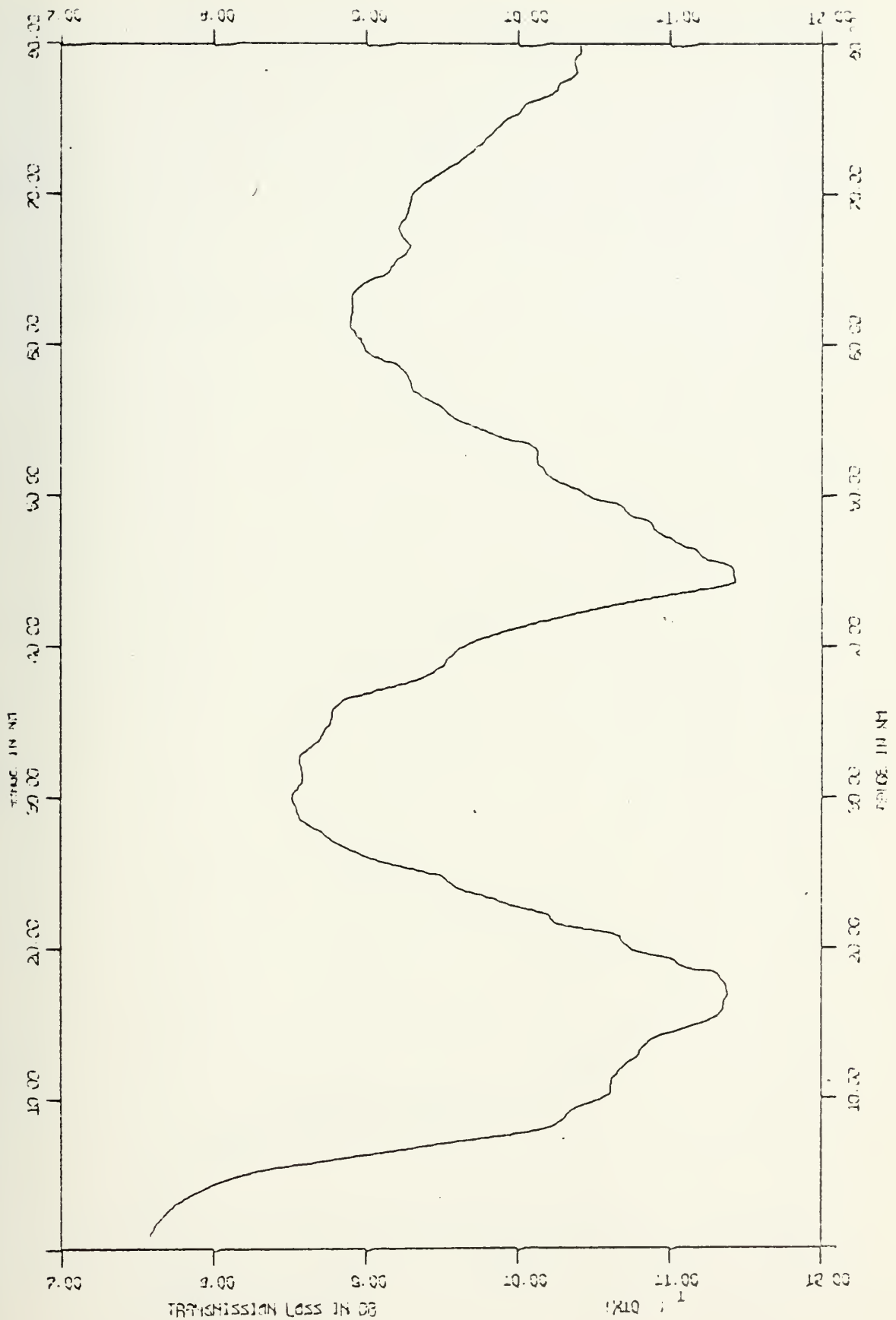


FIGURE 49 - AESD 1 - 5.0 nm Averaging



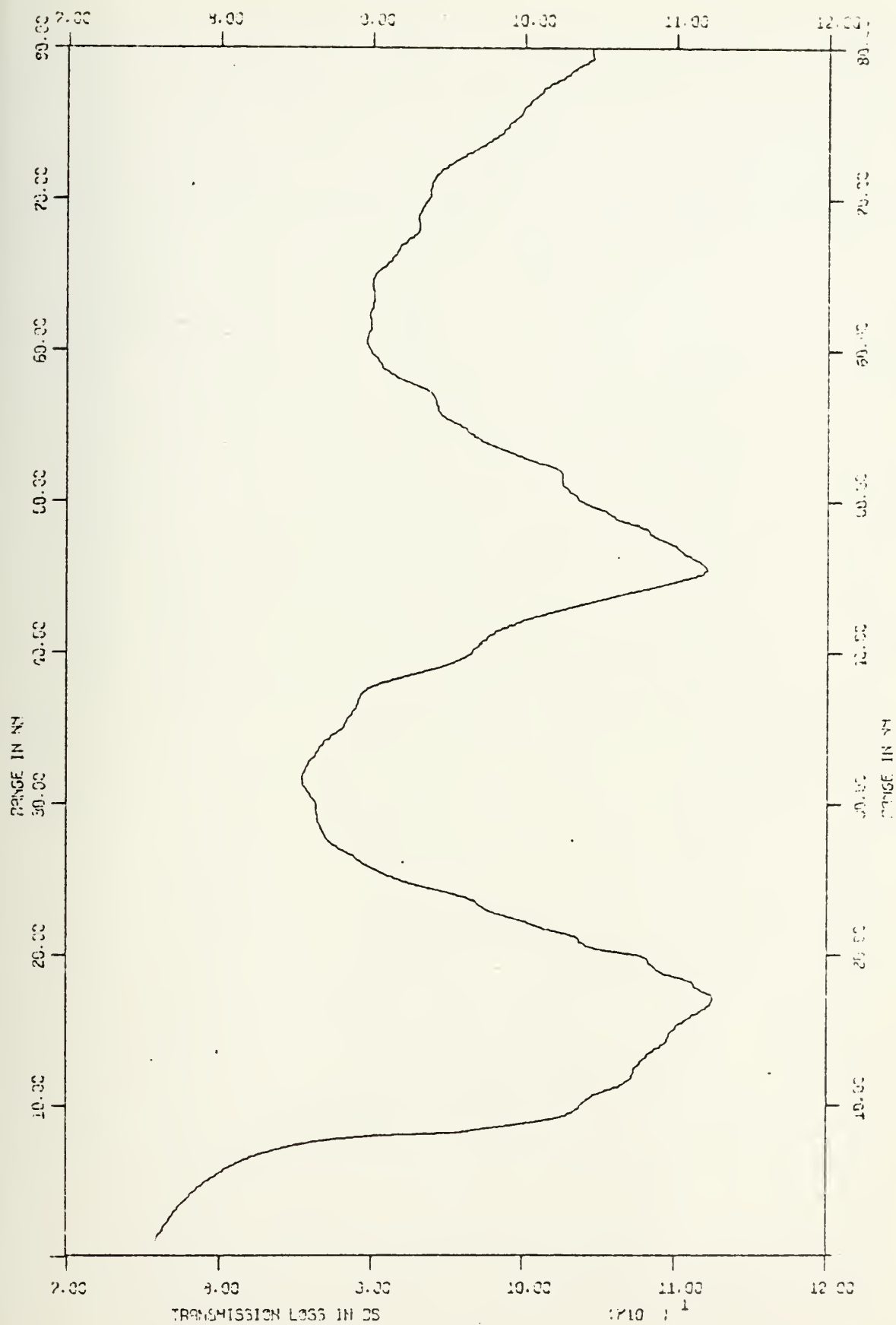


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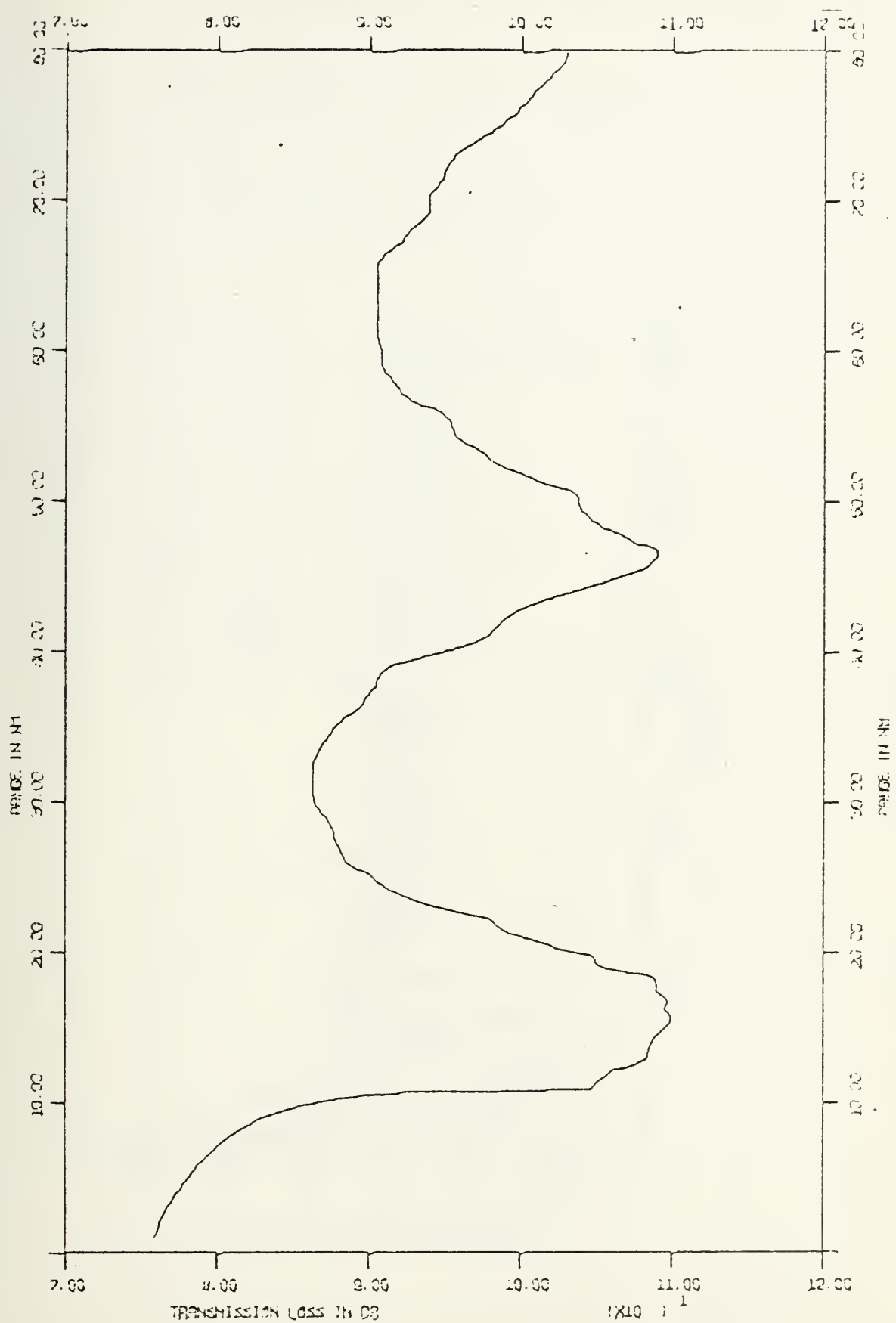


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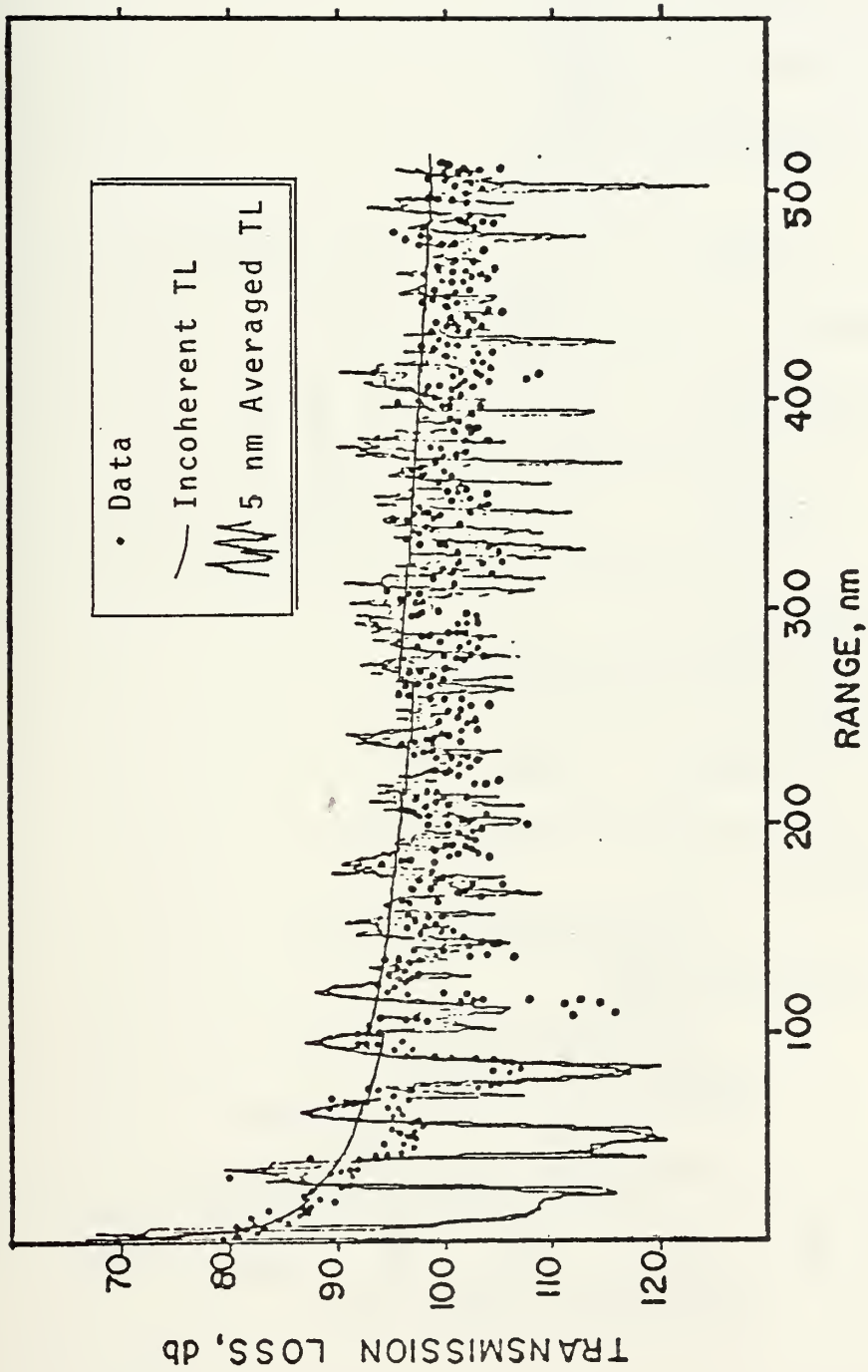


FIGURE 52 - PARKA IIA Run 1 Results





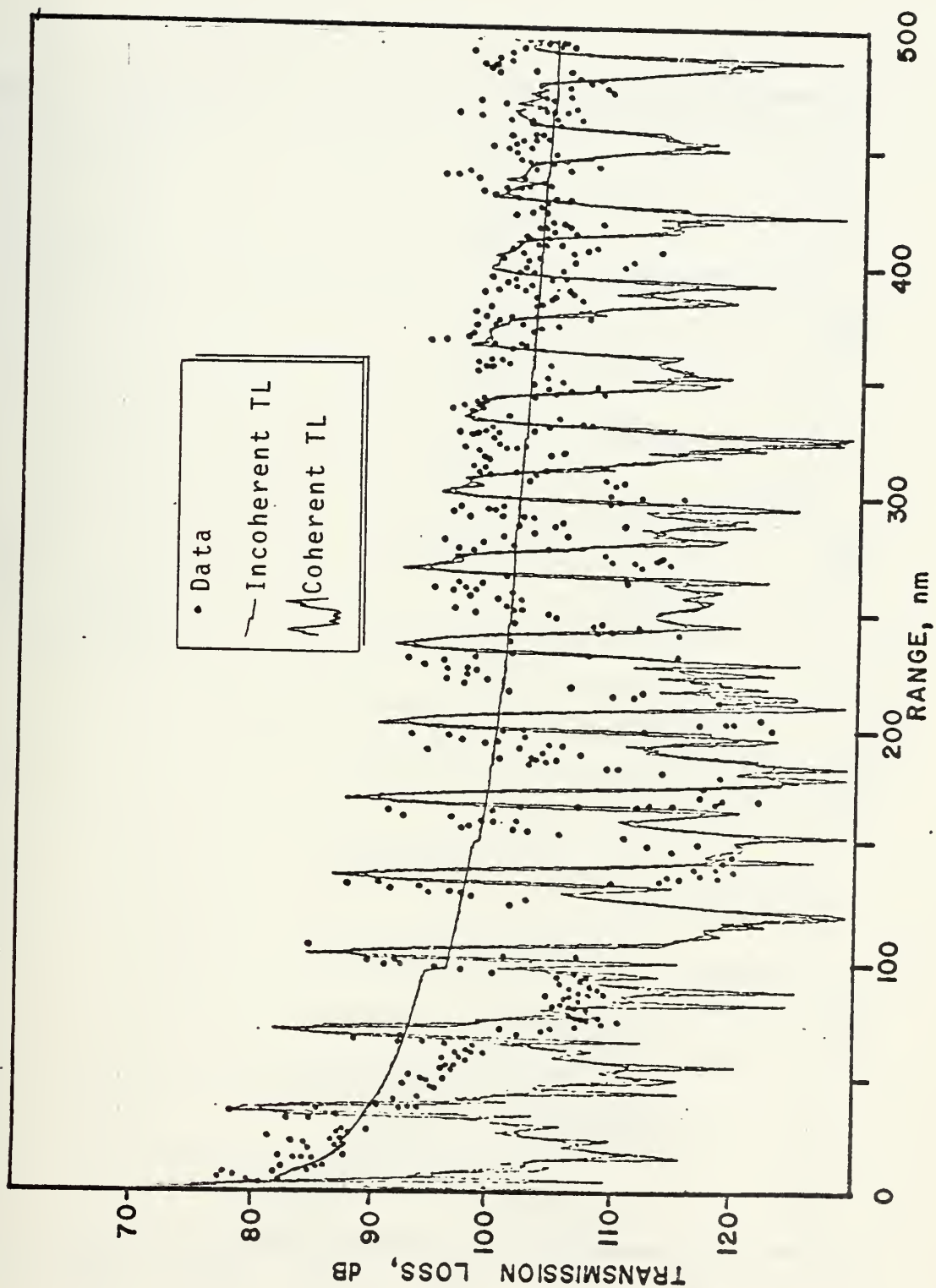


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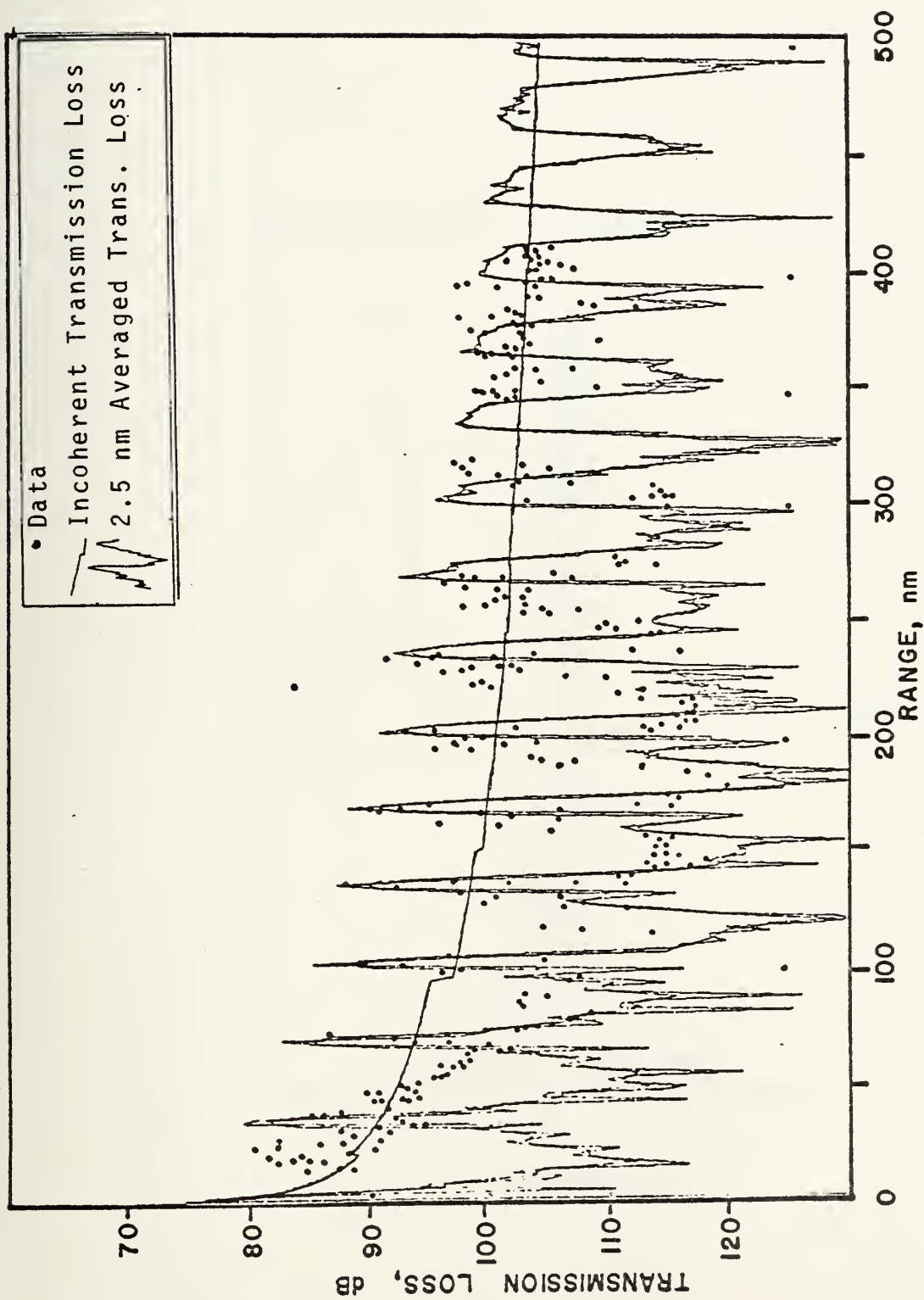


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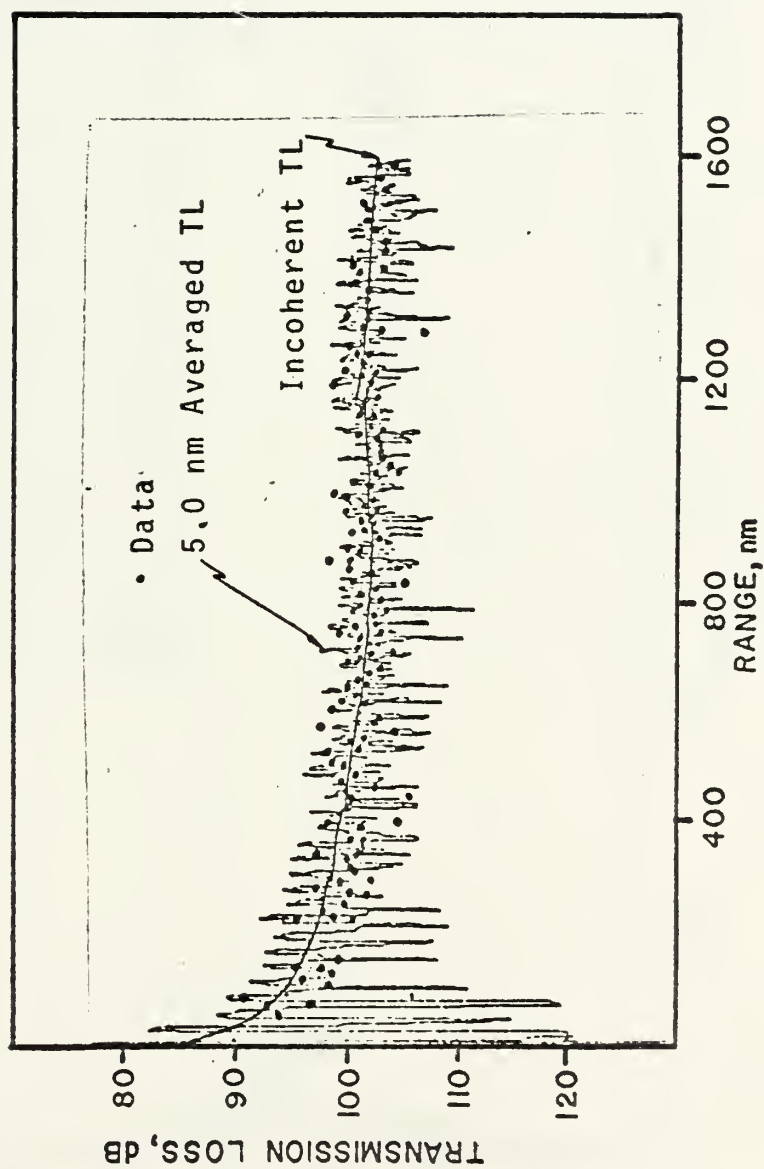


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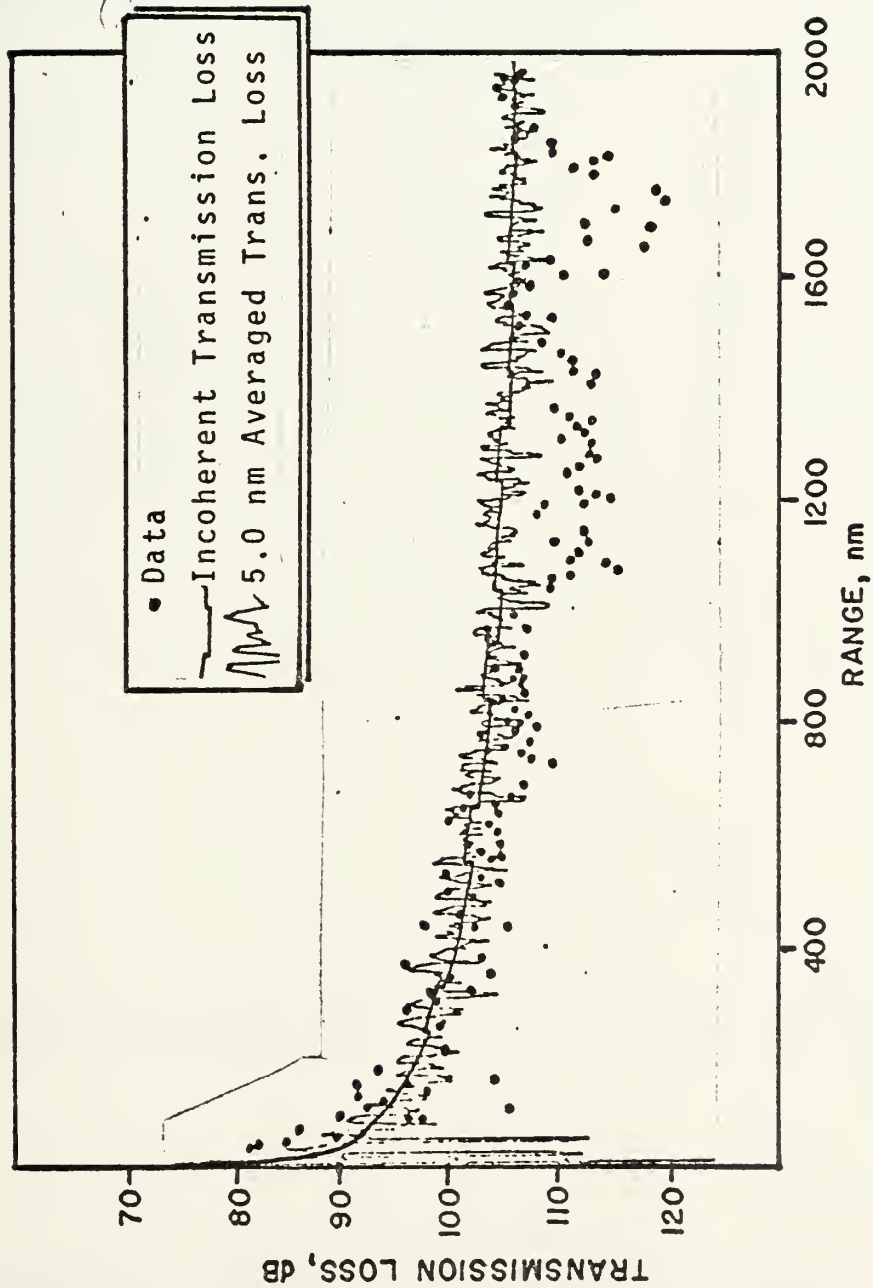


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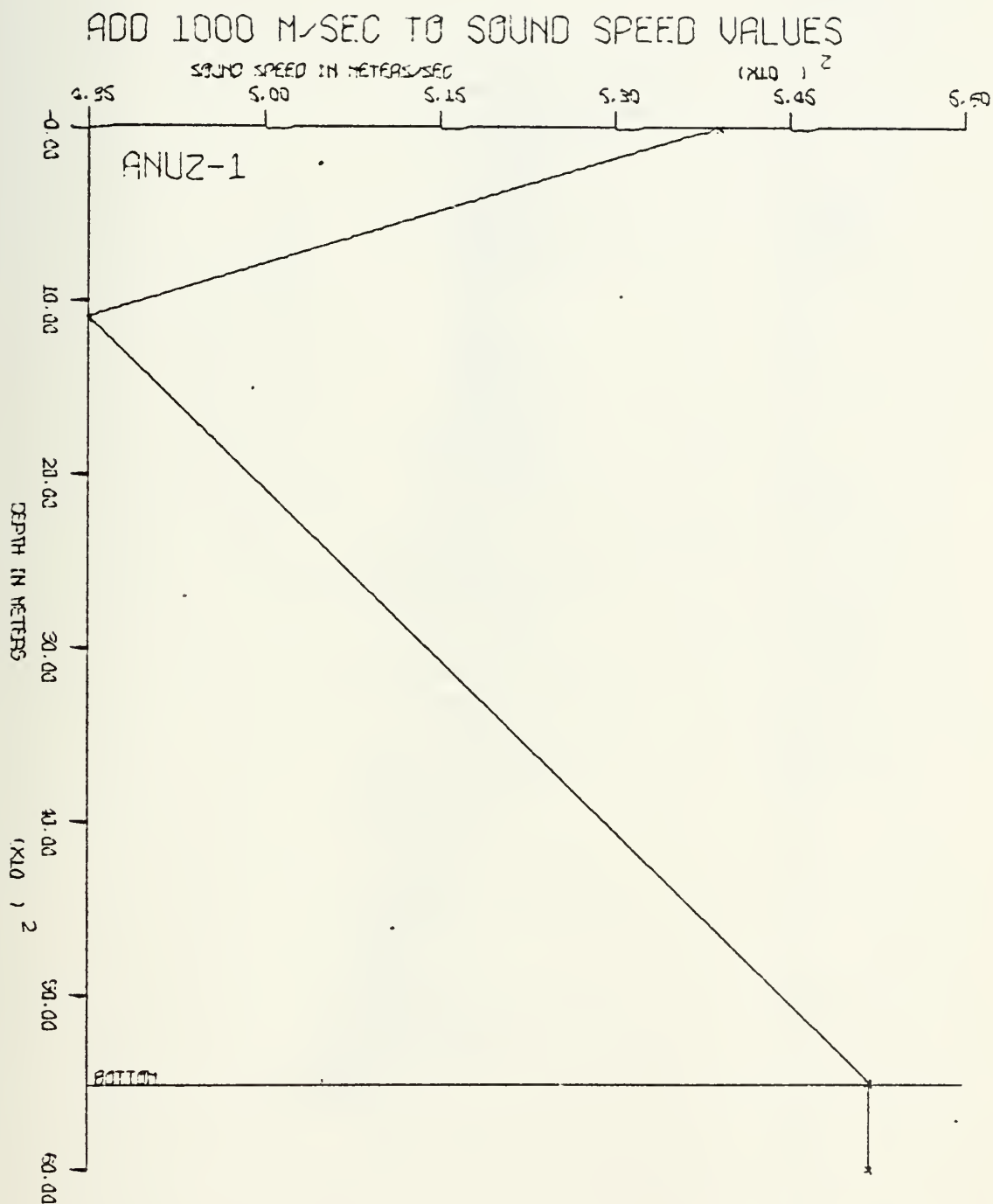


FIGURE 57 - Antigua to Grand Banks - Bilinear Profile



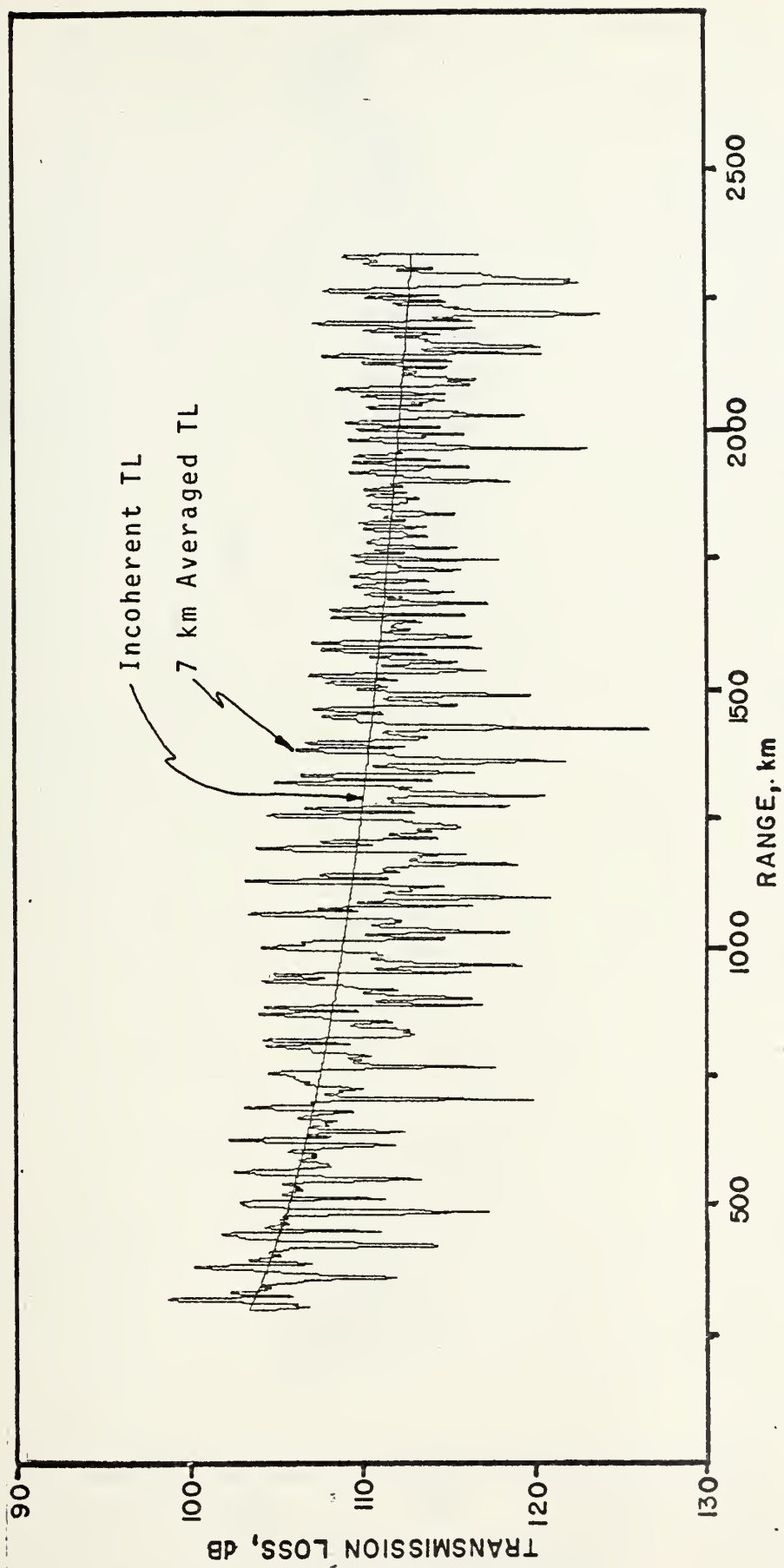


FIGURE 58 - 13.89 Hz Bilinear Results



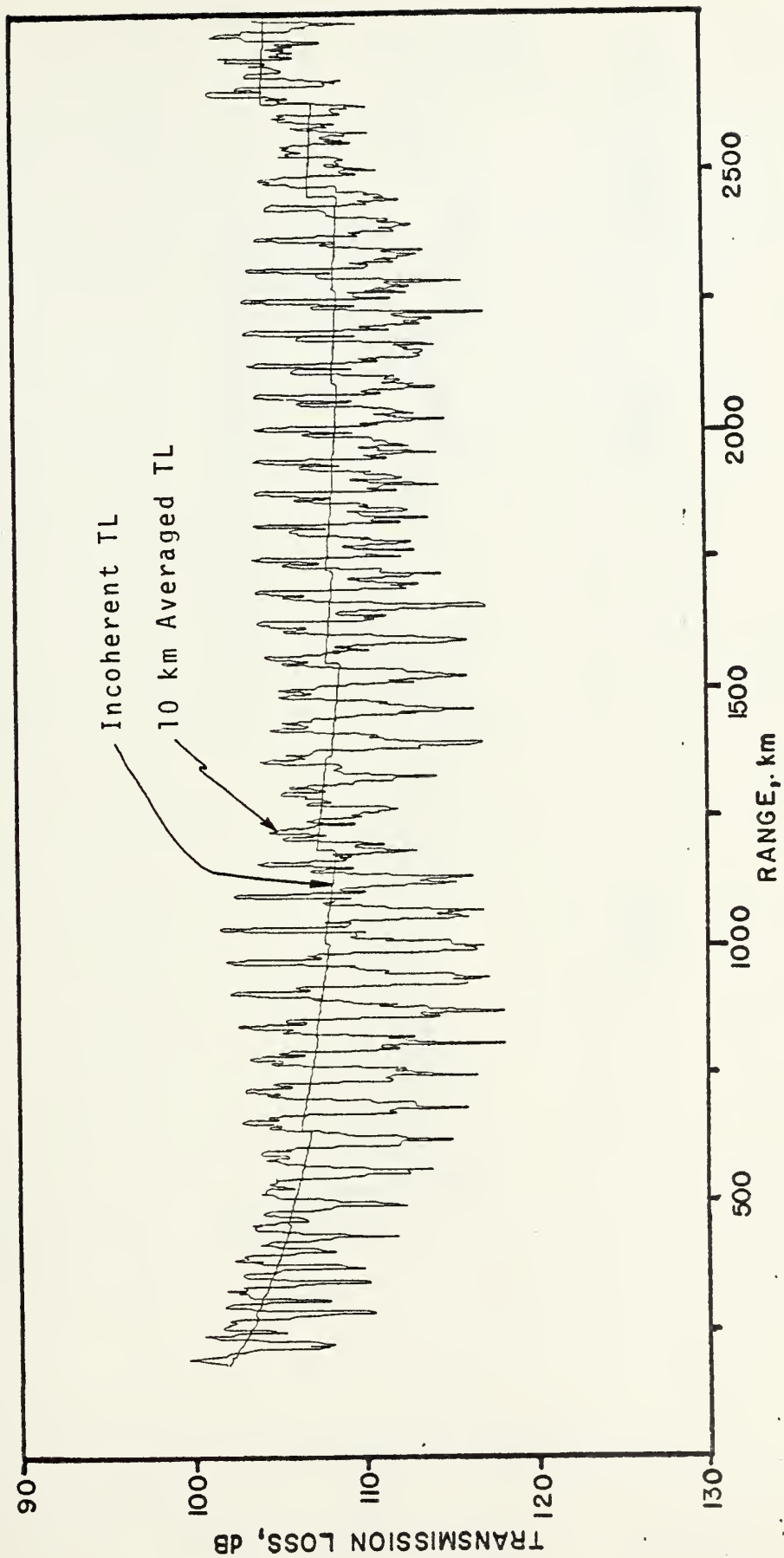


FIGURE 59 - 13.89 Hz Climatology Results



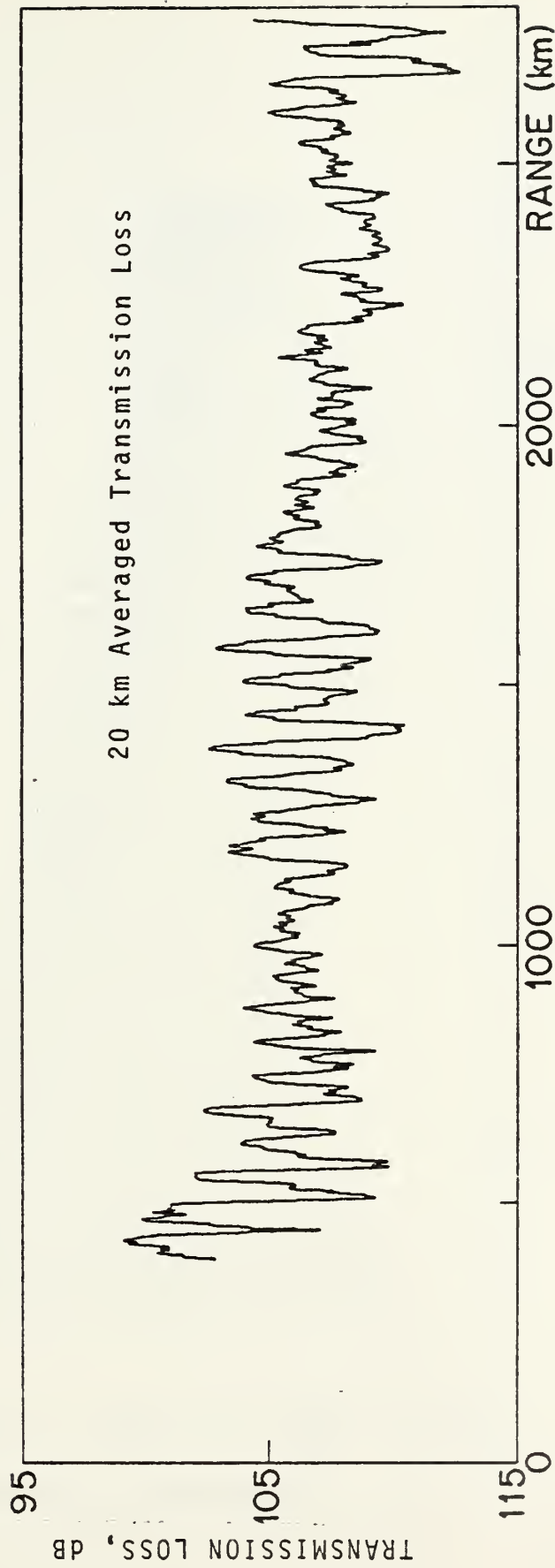


FIGURE 60 - 13.89 Hz Transmission Loss





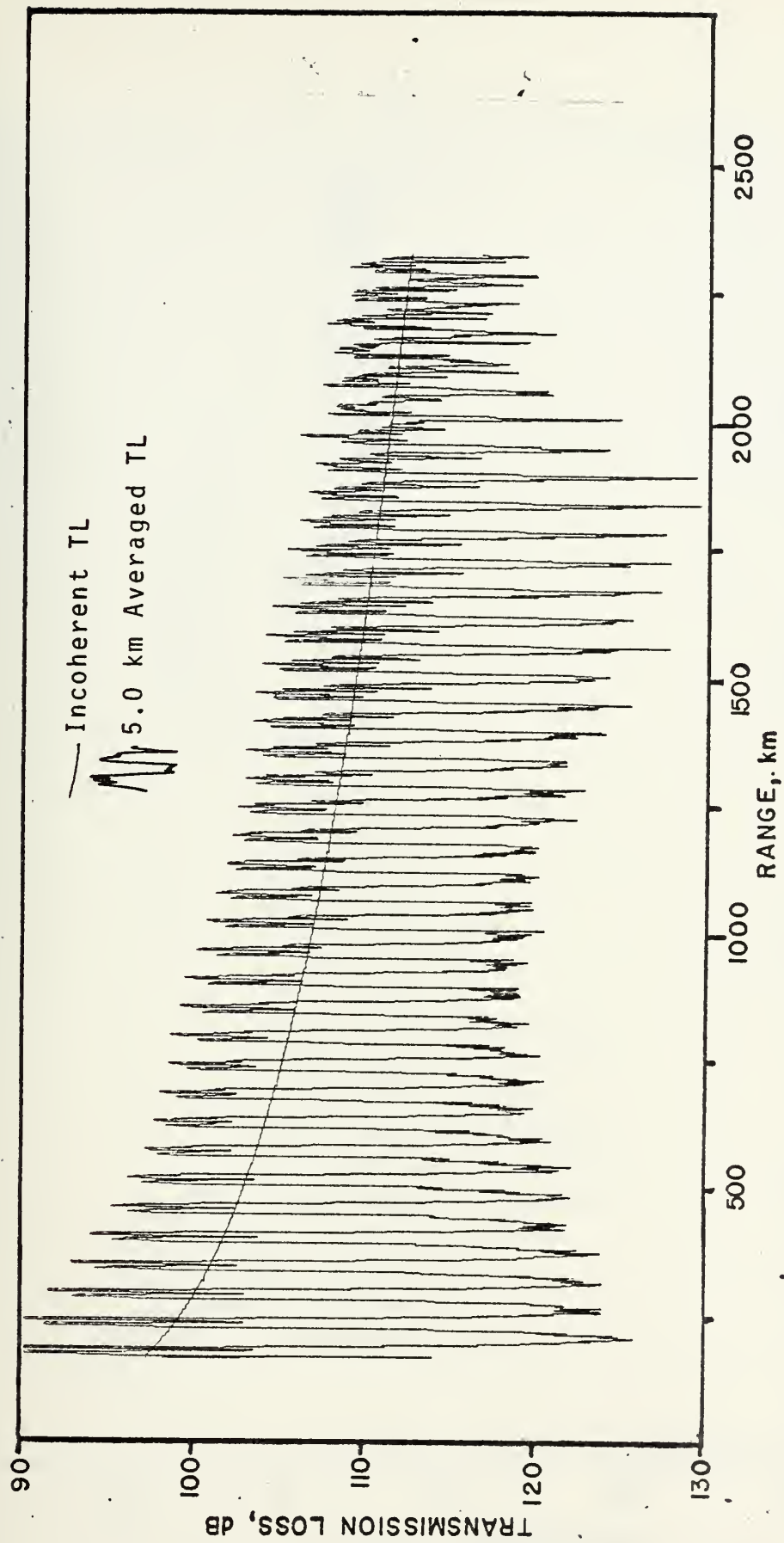
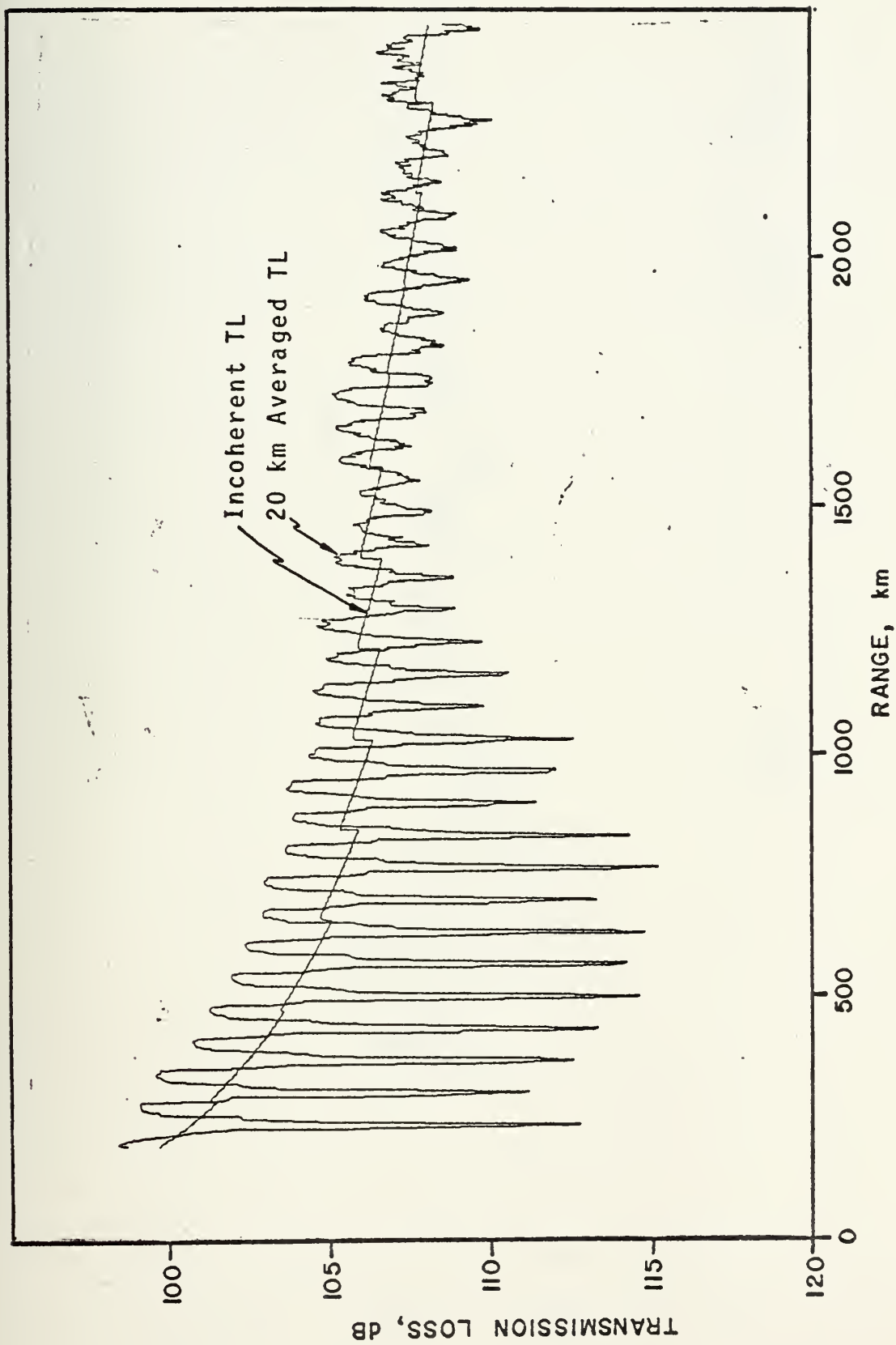


FIGURE 61 - 111.1 Hz Bilinear Results





— FIGURE 62 - 111.1 Hz Climatology Results



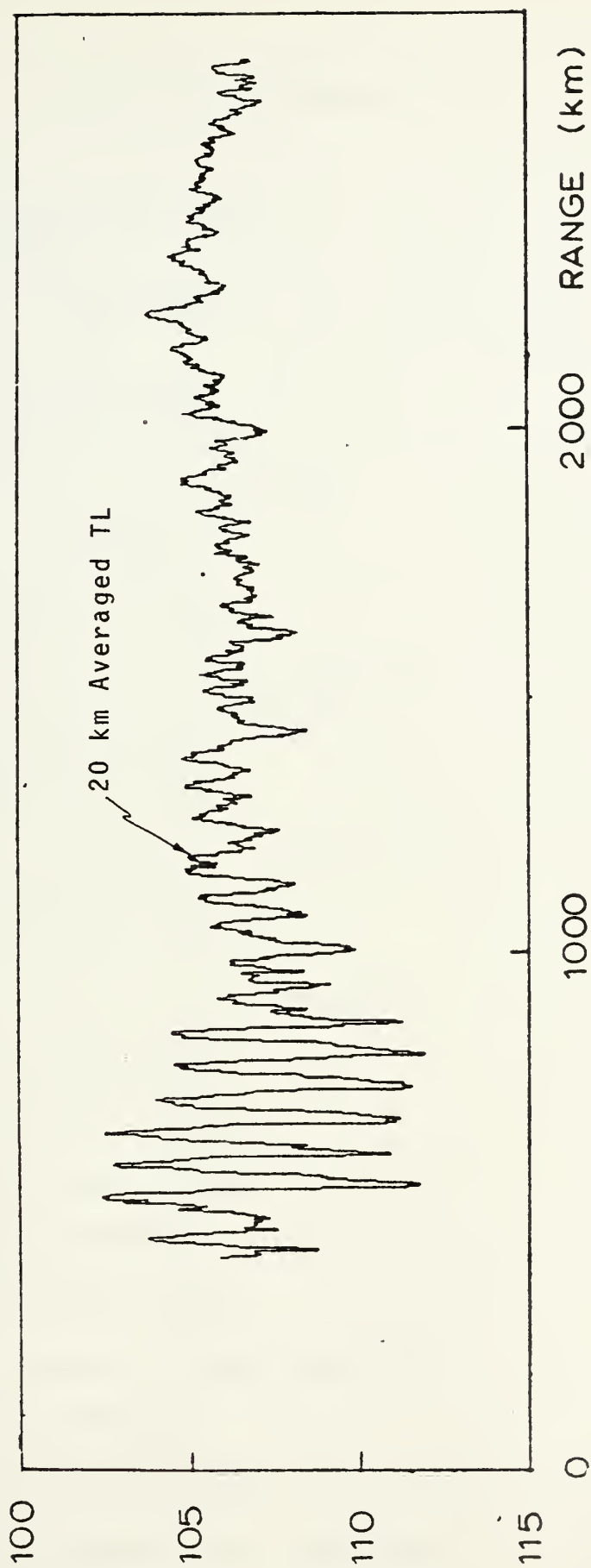


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